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POPULAR PUB TO BE DEMOLISHED

BY JESSICA LABHART

A POPULAR Cannock pub is to be closed down next month as the bulldozers move in to make way for new homes.

The Ascot Tavern pub has been sold to developers Globe Homes Ltd, and will cease trading on March 9, despite campaigns by the local community for it to stay open.

Now, disappointed regulars are planning a grand send-off at the pub, from March 3 to 5, to enable people to say their goodbyes to the well-known venue and its landlady.

Sue Griffin has been the landlady of the pub, on the junction of Ascot Drive and Longford Road, for five years. The 63-year-old said: "As of March 9 I'll be jobless and homeless.

"Not only have I been working here for the last five years, but I've been drinking in the pub for the past 25 years so I know how much it means to people.

"It just seems to be the way things are going. If it's got to go, it's go to go, but we should give it a good send-off."

Pub regular Michelle Cowie, aged 43 of nearby Conway Road, is arranging the series of farewell events. The mother-of-three said: "I've grown up with the pub being there. I've lived in this area since I was two years old. My brother has worked there and my sister was a glass collector there.

"I think it's really sad that it's come to this. There are some people that go into the pub every day to unwind and meet with people, and it's going to hit them the hardest.

"It's such a well-known place – it had really popular rock and karaoke nights. I've had people contact me to say they met their wives and other halves at the pub."

Cannock South councillor Paul Witton commented: "It's an absolute disgrace.

"The pub is popular, it's not just a pub, it's a meeting place for people who wouldn't have anywhere to come together to talk otherwise.

"I've got nothing against developments that create more housing or things like that, but if they carry on like this, eventually there'll be nowhere for adults to go, children to go.

"The closure of the pub will be a real loss to the community and I'm dead against it."

Now, Michelle is inviting local bands to come along to perform at the venue for the last time. She said: "We just want to give the pub and Sue the send-off they deserve, and I'll be setting up a new Facebook page soon for people to share their memories of the place."

Previous plans to turn the pub into shops were thrown out by the council following protests. The campaign to save the pub by the community was even raised in Parliament by local MP Amanda Milling.

A spokesman for Punch Taverns said: "We can confirm that we have exchanged contracts on the Ascot Tavern and the purchasers are currently considering all options for the pub".

MAN AND DOG FLEE FIRE THANKS TO SMOKE ALARM

Severe damage to the Hammerwich flat after a fire broke out

One man was taken to hospital after fire ripped through his home

A MAN was able to flee his burning Staffordshire home and rescue his dog after a smoke alarm woke him up.

The 50-year-old was taken to hospital having suffered cuts and scratches escaping through a window and smoke inhalation.

The fire broke out at the flat in Coppice Lane, Hammerwich, near Burntwood, in the early hours.

Firefighters from Lichfield, Cannock and Aldridge were called to tackle the blaze.

A West Midlands Ambulance Service spokesperson said that the occupier of the flat was taken to Walsall Manor Hospital having suffered minor injuries and smoke inhalation.

Spokesperson Murray MacGregor said: "We were called to the property at 5.29am to reports of a flat on fire.

"The owner, a 50-year-0ld man, thankfully had a working smoke alarm installed, which woke him up.

"He discovered the fire and managed to escape and also save his dog at the same time.

"However, the man suffered cuts and scratches from climbing out of a window."

Fire crews used six breathing apparatus and one hose reel jet to tackle the blaze, with the road having to be temporarily closed.

Staffordshire Fire and Rescue confirmed that they received the 999 call at 5.16am on Monday and had extinguished the blaze and left the scene by 9.16am.

Accidental

An initial investigation into the blaze suggests that it was accidental.

One flat inside the building has been destroyed by the blaze, said a spokesman for West Midlands Fire Service.

The spokesman added: "A man was able to get outside of the property.

"Everyone has been accounted for."

Emergency services battle the blaze

HOUSING

First Syrian refugee family is resettled

ONE family of five Syrian refugees have been resettled in Cannock Chase, it has been revealed.

Councillor Frank Allen, portfolio holder for housing, said the family arrived last month. It is the first of 10 people the council has agreed to take in as part of the Government-led resettlement programme.

Councils across the region responded to the Home Office appeal for help to relocate those affected. Staffordshire County Council has already taken in 51 people from the Middle Eastern country.

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TRADING

McDonald's wants to be open all hours

ONE of Cannock's McDonald's restaurants wants permission to open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Currently, the restaurant in Church Street is permitted to open from 5am until midnight daily but it wants to extend those hours. The fast food chain has applied to Cannock Chase Council for the extended trading time.

The firm has two other Cannock outlets, on the Hemlock Park industrial estate and the Linkway Retail Park.

Councillors will decide on the application at a future meeting.

PLANNING

DX freight plans set for go-ahead

PLANS for a £36 million DX Freight distribution centre on green belt land are poised for approval despite fierce opposition.

DX Freight was refused permission for its original blueprint but re-submitted smaller-scale plans for the former brickworks in Essington, which promises to create around 150 new jobs. The amended plans have now been recommended for approval at a South Staffordshire Council planning meeting on Tuesday.

DX Freight, operated by parent firm DX Group, wants to combine its two current bases in the Black Country into one larger scale premises in Hobnock Road.

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Medal honour for D-Day hero, 93

Rowland F Edwards

A BRAVE Staffordshire soldier whose war ordeal included unexpectedly being elevated to the role of a lead tank driver during the Normandy invasion has been awarded a Legion d'Honneur medal.

Rowland F Edwards, from Stafford, served with the 29th Armoured Brigade HQ 11th Armoured Division during the Second World War and has been given the highest military award in France at the age of 93. Mr Edwards landed at Juno Beach in Normandy in a Sherman tank, shortly after D-Day in June 1944.

He was responsible for ensuring the safe progress of the tank across the beach towards Cully, in pursuit of their main objective – capturing Hill 112.

The events unfolding around them led to his tank driver becoming unable to operate the vehicle, due to the immense mental stress, meaning Trooper Edwards was suddenly and unexpectedly elevated to the role of lead driver.

During a service at the National Memorial Arboretum, he was presented with the medal by Jean-Claude Lafontaine, an honorary consul of France on behalf of the French government.

Mr Edwards said: "Life in the Army was not easy, and I witnessed many terrible things, but I wouldn't change a minute of it. My time serving was an important part of my life, and while I sometimes found the experience terrifying, I had the opportunity to meet so many people and learn many things."

The ceremony was attended by members of Trooper Edwards's family and representatives from Blind Veterans UK in Stafford.

Sarah Oakden, head of marketing at the Arboretum, said: "We congratulate Trooper Edwards on becoming the recipient of this prestigious award, in recognition of his heroic service."

New nursery and school on way to meet demand

A NEW primary school with more than 200 places and a nursery is set to be built in Hednesford.

Cannock Chase Council planning chiefs are considering plans for the school, on land off Pye Green Road.

It is part of a major development which has already begin in the area, including the building of 700 homes and new shops.

Developer St Modwen is behind the whole scheme, while the school will be run by Stafford-based education group Entrust on behalf of the county council.

Outline plans for the school have already been approved as part of the overall scheme. But now, more detailed plans have revealed that it will include a 26-place nursery, a hard-surfaced games area, grass playing fields and staff car parking.

Entrust hopes the new school, if approved, will open in September 2019 and will offer 210 places. Council planning chiefs must now approve the finer details of the plan before work can begin.

Available

Entrust bosses say there will not be enough school places available in the area when the new 700 homes are built, which is why this new primary is required.

A reported prepared by the group said: "Staffordshire County Council has a statutory duty to ensure the sufficient supply of good quality school places.

"It has been agreed with the district council, the developer and county council that there will be insufficient places available within the existing primary schools close to the site to satisfy the demand generated from the new housing development off Pye Green Road and Limepit Lane.

"There is not enough opportunity to expand the capacity at existing Cannock primary schools to meet the number of additional places generated by the new housing development. Therefore, the new primary school is proposed to ensure all pupils generated from the proposed new development on land west of Pye Green Road will have a local school place available."

In 2014, Cannock Chase Council approved outline plans for St Modwen's 142-acre development for land to the west of Pye Green Road. This includes 700 homes, 75 acres of public open space, the new primary school and a local centre.

Help yourself to Tom on the Chase

Sir Tom Jones will provide the grand finale on Cannock Chase

Elbow are playing on the Friday

Rick Astley is the Saturday headliner

What's New Pussycat? Well, the third act has been revealed for this year's Forest Live concerts on Cannock Chase – and it is none other than Sir Tom Jones.

The music legend will appear at Birches Valley on Sunday, July 9, in a grand finale for the annual music weekend. Indie rockers Elbow have already been announced as playing at the forest venue on Friday, July 7 followed by Eighties icon Rick Astley on the Saturday promising that he is Never Gonna Give You Up. Sir Tom is currently in the limelight for his role as a judge on the TV talent show The Voice. Having gone down a storm at the V Festival two years ago and Lichfield's Beacon Park last year, demand is expected to be high for tickets.

The respected singer has had a remarkable career spanning five decades with such timeless hits as It's Not Unusual, Delilah and Help Yourself making him an international superstar. Award-winning singer-songwriter Rumer is the support for the Rick Astley concert.

Tickets are still available although his date the previous weekend at Delamere Forest in Cheshire has sold out. The support act has not been announced for Elbow, and tickets are still available, although two of their previous dates including Delamere Forest are sold out.

Tickets to see Sir Tom Jones go on sale at 9am tomorrow (Friday) and cost £46.50 plus a £5.15 booking fee.

Tickets for all shows are available from the Forestry Commission box office on 03000 680400 or online at www.forestry.gov.uk/music

Audit finds 'errors' in police team accounts

THE accounts of the Staffordshire Police and Crime Commissioner's office have been questioned by independent auditors over a number of 'errors and mis-statements'.

A report by Ernst & Young LLP said the PCC's accounts for 2015-16 featured 'inaccurate and fragmented reporting' as a result of 'weak' management and planning arrangements.

The PCC's office oversees the budget for Staffordshire Police. Staffordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis said his office is working with the force to rectify any issues.

Auditors found more than 100 anomalies and gave the accounts 'qualified' status in terms of offering value for money, meaning that some matters had not been dealt with adequately.

The issues included incorrectly declaring an asset worth £440,000; transactions from the Police Pension Fund that were not recorded; missing invoices for goods bought by the PCC's office; and inaccurate disclosures of payments for senior employees.

The report said: "As a result of our audit we have identified a number of errors and mis-statements which management have agreed to adjust."

Mr Ellis said: "Some weaknesses have been identified by the auditors in a highly complex area of the finances that the police deal with.

"My office are working with the police to make sure any issues are rectified and the finance function is provided effectively."

Women injured near cemetery

TWO women were taken to hospital after a road accident near the Cannock Chase War Cemetery.

An 18-year-old woman who was cut out of a car by firefighters said that she was experiencing hip pain following the two-car collision at the junction of Broadhurst Green Road and Penkridge Bank Road.

She was taken to the Royal Stoke University Hospital's major trauma centre by paramedics as a precaution.

A 47-year-old woman was taken to County Hospital in Stafford for an x-ray for treatment to a wrist injury.

The crash happened at about 6.10am last Wednesday.

Two fire crews – one from Rugeley and another from Cannock – attended the scene.

Indie band to play gig at Woodys Bar

MODERN indie rock band The Rock Dogs will be playing live at Woodys Music Bar in Hednesford on Saturday.

The band plays covers from the likes of Kings of Leon, Oadis, Foo Fighters and everyone in between. Admission is free. The band are on stage from 9.15pm.

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Battle over A&E unit goes all the way to top

THE leader of Stafford Borough Council has written to Prime Minister Theresa May in a bid to save the A&E at County Hospital.

Councillor Patrick Farrington received unanimous backing from fellow councillors when he put forward a motion regarding the proposed Staffordshire NHS Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP).

The motion called on the authors of the STP to acknowledge that any attempt to close or reduce the operation of the A&E at the hospital would be a 'retrograde' step in providing health services for the local community.

And he added that the best way to achieve improvements to health, transforming the quality of care, while managing the finances better, was to maintain and enhance the existing A&E service at Stafford.

Now, Councillor Farrington is sending a full draft of the motion to Mrs May and Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt, along with a letter stressing the 'deep-rooted feelings' of residents around A&E provision.

Councillor Farrington said: "We accept that the NHS has to change if it is going to continue to deliver high-quality care for all, in a tighter economic climate, with a growing and ageing population. But my message for those who are writing the STP for Staffordshire is simple: address the delivery of healthcare and the issues around cost but not at the expense of current core services."

Copies have been sent to the chairs of Clinical Commissioning Groups.

Banning order on Wolves fan

A WOLVES supporter has been given a three-year football banning order for attacking Aston Villa fans during a match this season.

Thomas Pugh, of Locketts Court, Cannock, was convicted of throwing missiles at Villa fans when the sides met at Villa Park on October 15.

The 24-year-old was found guilty following a trial at Birmingham Magistrates Court.

It means he cannot visit any ground in the country until 2020. He was also fined £345 and ordered to pay £770 costs and a £35 victim surcharge.

The game in October was a Championship fixture which finished 1-1.

The sides met again last month at Molineux, with Wolves coming out on top, winning 1-0.

Invite to call in at church for cuppa

A COFFEE morning and book fair is to be held at St Peter's Church, Hednesford, on Saturday between 10am and midday. All are welcome.

For details email Carol Watson at carolwatson8@sky.com

Council blunder over children on care list

STAFFORDSHIRE County Council has been labelled a 'shambles' after it accidentally sent out a list of children in its care.

The council mistakenly sent the list, including personal information, to a number of its in-house foster carers.

It has now launched an investigation into the data breach and insisted that 'no children were put at risk'.

But County Councillor George Adamson, who is also the leader of Cannock Chase Council, described the incident as 'totally unacceptable' and described the county council as a 'shambles'. He said: "This is serious and totally unacceptable. It is a big worry. How an earth have they managed it? They say they have not put children at risk but how do they know that? It is personal information they have put into the public domain. There needs to be an investigation.

"It is a complete shambles and indicative of how the county council is being run at the moment."

West Midlands MEP Bill Etheridge described the breach as a 'very serious error' and called for changes to ensure this mistake is not repeated. He said: "This is a very serious error which could have risked the safety of vulnerable children. An apology is only the start of what is required.

"The council should undertake a full review of what happened and make changes to ensure this can never happen again in the future."

The council has apologised for making the mistake and has insisted it is taking the matter 'very seriously'. In a statement Mark Sutton, the council's cabinet member for children and young people, said: "We can confirm that a number of our in-house foster carers where sent an email with a list of children in our care in error.

"Whilst the information was confidential, it only contained basic personal information and at no time were children put at risk.

"All of our foster carers sign a confidentiality agreement in relation to the sensitive information they receive in the course of their fostering activities and are used to dealing with such information in a confidential manner. We do take these matters very seriously and are carrying out an investigation to understand what happened."

Amazon to recruit 5,000 workers in UK this year

AMAZON says it will create a record 5,000 new full-time jobs this year across the UK including roles at its warehouses including Rugeley.

The online retail giant, which already employs 1,500 people at its 700,000 sq ft Rugeley site, is adding to its chain of a dozen depots across the country with three more warehouses opening this year.

Along with major recruitment at its UK headquarters and across all its operations, the company says it will boost its workforce in this country to 24,000. The new jobs are for people with all types of experience, education and skill level, from software developers, engineers and technicians to those seeking entry-level positions and on-the-job training.

Amazon said it aims to offer the new permanent jobs to as many people as possible who took up seasonal jobs with the company over Christmas – 4,000 extra workers were brought in at Rugeley alone over the festive period.

Proud

Doug Gurr, Amazon's UK manager, said: "We are creating thousands of new UK jobs including hundreds of apprenticeship opportunities as we continue to innovate for our customers and provide them with even faster delivery, more selection and better value.

"We are hiring for all types of roles from flight test engineers, software engineers and corporate managers in our development centres and head office, to operations managers, supervisors, engineers, service technicians, HR roles and order fulfilment roles in our fulfilment centres.

"We are also proud to empower many thousands of others to work alongside Amazon in serving our customers – from marketplace sellers to Flex delivery drivers to Kindle Direct Publishing authors."

The company says its new apprenticeship programme will offer hundreds of places in engineering, logistics and warehousing roles at its fulfilment centres across the country.

Amazon's 5,000 new full-time UK jobs will be created at the UK head office in London; customer service centre in Edinburgh; fashion photography studio in Shoreditch; AWS (Amazon Web Services) Europe (London) region office; fulfilment centres across the UK, including three new sites set to open in Tilbury, Doncaster and Daventry; as well as at development centres in Cambridge, Edinburgh and London.

Fly-tip rubbish causes a stink

Absolutely disgusting – the pile of steaming rubbish which appeared in Yoxall on Friday afternoon, to the horror of locals

COULD this be Britain's biggest fly-tipping site?

This pile of steaming rubbish appeared in the village of Yoxall on Friday afternoon, to the horror of locals.

Villagers believe that the rubbish may have been left by an HGV that dumped its load after realising it had driven down a dead end.

Photographer Tony Slater snapped the rubbish after he and his wife came across the site while out walking.

He said: "It is absolutely disgusting. I have never seen anything like it in my life. It stinks to high heaven.

"There's all sorts in there – food, dirty nappies – I dread to think what else."

The Environment Agency said it is investigating.

● A council worker broke a bone in his wrist while clearing illegally dumped waste in Norton Canes.

The worker was finishing off the clearance when he stumbled and fell. The 2.5 ton of waste had been illegally dumped at the site from a large van or lorry.

Due to its location, the site was partially cleared using a machine and the remainder by Cannock Chase Council's street cleansing team.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Road crash kills motorcyclist, 31

A 31-YEAR-OLD motorcyclist from Cannock died in hospital after a collision with a car in Chase Terrace.

The incident involved the motorbike and a Vauxhall in Cannock Road near Cobbett Road last Wednesday.

Ambulance service spokesman Murray MacGregor said: "He was taken to the emergency unit at Walsall Manor.

"His condition deteriorated further, and unfortunately he passed away."

The road was closed for four hours. Witnesses are asked to call Staffordshire Police on 101, quoting incident number 644 of February 15.

Postcode winner for neighbours

A HEDNESFORD postcode – WS12 4DL – has scooped the People's Postcode Lottery's daily prize.

The six Station Road neighbours who play with the postcode have landed £1,000 each.

A minimum of 30 per cent of ticket sales goes directly to charities, and players of the People's Postcode Lottery have raised more than £175 million to date for good causes.

A local cause that has received support from players is Age UK South Staffordshire, which was awarded £19,000 last year to train volunteers.

Church is aiming to raise £120,000

BETHEL Church in Bridgtown is holding monthly fundraisers to help pay for a restoration project that will take place over the next few years.

The next event is an Easter Games Night on March 31 when there will be darts, hoopla and a chocolate tombola, as well as an Easter bonnet parade.

Church member Molly Cowan said: "We are aiming to become more of a community hub for the expanding population of Bridgtown, and need to raise around £120,000."

Arboretum's new £15m centre in NEC spotlight

THE National Memorial Arboretum will be showcasing its recently opened £15.7 million Remembrance Centre at The Education Show at the NEC.

Visitors to the Arboretum's stand will be able to find out more about the new centre, which opened in October and has enhanced the site's educational offering with new classrooms and a large space dedicated to the interpretation of remembrance.

The Education Show is taking place at the NEC from March 16 to 18.

Dessert shop on way

A FORMER estate agents will become a dessert shop after planning permission was granted. Cannock Chase Council planning bosses have given permission to change 33 Market Place in Cannock. Under the change of use permission being granted, it must be converted within three years.

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COUNTY NEWS

Midlanders in the dark over credit

MORE than half of people living in the Midlands think that living with someone with bad debts will affect their own credit score.

Credit information provider Equifax's research has revealed common consumer misconceptions about credit information.

Nationally 52 per cent of respondents to the survey amongst consumers who have accessed their Equifax Credit Report believed their credit score would be affected if they live with someone who has debts.

In the Midlands it was 57 per cent.

Warning over festival thefts

POLICE have issued a warning for Hindus to keep their gold secure over two upcoming festivals.

Two festivals – Maha Shivaratri, tomorrow, Friday and Holi on March 12 – traditionally see Indian Hindus wear lots of gold to celebrate them with.

In previous years this has led to an increase in burglaries as valuables like gold are then left unsecured or on display. Police said people should keep their valuables in a home safe, to photograph them to assist in identification operations and ensuring valuables are not left in plain view.

Crews' cannabis callouts total 60

FIREFIGHTERS in the West Midlands were called to 60 blazes involving cannabis last year, including cases where a fire had been started to cover the smell of the drug and various 'factories' where it was being grown.

The figures come just days after a major house blaze at a cannabis factory in Wolverhampton and in 2016, there were similar fires all over the region. Fires involving cannabis factories can spread quickly due to unsafe nature of the operations put together.

Talks over free toll during emergencies

THE West Midlands Combined Authority has confirmed it is in talks with the Government to give the region powers over the M6 Toll.

Bosses want control over removing the toll when major accidents occur on other major local routes. Currently the route's operators have the powers to lift the toll in times of emergency.

WMCA's transport chief Councillor Roger Lawrence said: "We want to be able to push the button to switch to free mode in the event of problems."

BT traineeships offer

BT is offering seven-week traineeships for 30 young people, aged 16 to 24. They are at Providence Place,West Bromwich, from March 14, and at Goodall Street, Walsall, from May 9. Visit www.btplc.com/Careercentre/WorkReady/ApplyforaBTtraineeship/index.htm

Date set for funeral of Pitmen superfan

THE funeral of Hednesford Town club stalwart and long-time supporter Michael Johnson takes place on Tuesday, February 28.

A minute's silence was held ahead of Hednesford's match against Skelmersdale United, which they won 5-0, in tribute to the superfan known as Big Mick.

The funeral takes place at midday at Stafford Crematorium before mourners return to his beloved Keys Park.

The family have requested no flowers but donations to Pancreatic Cancer Research either on the day or via Stacey's Funeral Directors.

All who knew him and Hednesford Town supporters are welcome to attend.

Mick, who died aged 69 following a short illness, had been involved with the Pitmen for more than 30 years. During that time, he undertook a number of different roles both at the Cross Keys and Keys Park grounds.

Duties

He served as reserve team secretary during the 1990s and into the millennium.

Most recently he would be seen on a match day opening and closing the turnstiles as well as undertaking other duties on the day.

Mick was also a firm supporter of the Hednesford Town FC Supporters Association (HTFCSA), serving as membership officer since the formation of the HTFCSA in November 2010.

Hednesford Town and fans have paid tribute to Big Mick and sent condolences to his wife Carol and family.

Ofsted tells nursery it needs to improve

By Jordan Harris

STAFF at a nursery failed to teach all of its children the skills they needed to move forward with their learning, according to inspectors.

Little Treasures Childcare, based at Redbrook Hayes Community Primary School in Rugeley, was visited by Ofsted last month and given a rating of 'requires improvement'. Inspectors deemed that improvement was needed in effectiveness of the leadership and management, quality of teaching, learning and assessment, personal development, behaviour and welfare and outcomes for children.

A report points out that complaints were not recorded and logged, while a lack of consistency in the quality of teaching was also listed as a cause for concern. The report says: "The provider responds to complaints they receive about the nursery. However, they do not always record these complaints and the outcome.

"Staff working with the youngest children do not have a sharp focus on promoting children's physical, communication and social skills.

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"As a result, not all children are taught the skills they need for the next stage in their learning. Staff do not plan effectively for children in order to provide experiences that enable them to learn in challenging ways."

To improve its rating, management at the nursery have been told to keep a written record of any complaints and their outcomes, as well as ensuring all staff plan their lessons.

A number of strengths were identified, including the commitment of the nursery's new manager and work to promote healthy lifestyles. The report adds: "Children who are new to the nursery are supported to settle well and form good relationships with staff.

"They are emotionally well prepared for their move on to the host school."

Michelle Higgs, director of Little Treasures, said: "Little Treasures are disappointed with the Ofsted judgment. However, we have implemented a robust strategy to ensure good outcomes for our next inspection."

Flood defence work delayed by year

The Hagley playing fields had originally been due to reopen in June but now work will go on for another year

WORK on a £2 million flood defence scheme has been branded 'a waste of time and money' after it was revealed that the project had been delayed by up to a year.

The Environment Agency's Rugeley flood risk management scheme, which began in December, is progressing well, according to bosses. However, a nearby playing field has had to be closed down due to the work.

The Hagley playing fields were set to reopen around June this year but that date has now been pushed back by a year. The Environment Agency says the delay is 'to make sure that the public stay safe'.

As a result of the extended closure, the Rugeley Charter Fair has already been moved to Green Lane playing fields. Councillor Mick Grocott said the organisers of the fair have been inconvenienced by the delay, which means the same procedure will have to be put in place next year.

He said: "A lot of work goes into the Rugeley Charter Fair, it is one of our biggest events and it has a great history. I don't actually see the point in the work any way, Rugeley hasn't flooded as a result of water from Rising Brook since about 1905. It is a waste of time and money in my opinion."

Preparations for the construction of a new embankment as part of the work has now started.

During a flood, the embankment will hold water from Rising Brook and help to reduce the risk of flooding for more than 114 homes and 159 businesses.

Complaints to police over drones soar in year

POLICE received four times as many complaints about drones last year than the year before, figures show.

In 2015, West Midlands Police received 30 reports of drones being used, from racing the devices to taking pictures. Last year, the total was 121, including cases of people flying them over prisons and reports of 'erratic drone flying'.

In 2014, there were three reports. In May last year, six inmates at Oakwood Prison were taken to hospital when they were taken ill after taking so-called legal highs. It is believed that the drugs were dropped onto prison grounds by a drone.

The new figures came from a Freedom Of Information Act submitted to the force. Chief Inspector Kerry Blakeman said: "As drones become more affordable and readily available then clearly the number of incidents reported to us will increase.

"Primarily the police response to reported incidents is in relation to the negligent, reckless or malicious use.

"Not all of the incidents reported to us involve a breach of the legislation – there has been a big increase in people simply informing us they will be filming or carrying out a roof survey."

John Bates, chairman of the Sandwell Model Flying Club, said the gadgets are 'fantastic' but are too often used by 'the wrong people'.

He welcomed government plans to tighten up regulations in the near future that would see would be pilots needing to pass a practical examination.

Number of new firms on the rise

MORE companies were created in Staffordshire last year than in any previous year, new figures show.

A total of 7,618 new companies were registered in the county compared with 6,375 in 2015. The number of registered companies in Staffordshire now totals 47,000 – up from 44,125 at the end of 2015, a 6.5 per cent growth.

The statistics come from the Inform Direct Review of UK Company Formations, using data from Companies House and the Office of National Statistics. Lichfield formed the most new businesses (2,152), followed by Stoke-on-Trent (1,320) and East Staffordshire (723).

John Korchak, of Inform Direct, said: "Staffordshire again delivered an impressive number of new companies in 2016."

Opportunity to score with six-a-side leagues

TIME is running out for teams to claim free entry to two of the official Cannock six-a-side football leagues.

Demand is expected to be high for the Leisure Leagues competitions, held at Cannock Cricket And Hockey Club on Sunday and Monday.

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Grants for groups who work to help most needy

A GRANTS scheme in South Staffordshire is inviting applications for grants of up to £2,000 from its £20,000 fund pot during 2017.

The Hilton Fund wants to help community-based organisations with resident projects that tackle social isolation, help community integration and provide education for health and wellbeing issues.

Originally known as The Hilton and District Recreation Ground and Social Welfare Centre, it was for the benefit of mine workers and their families in the Hilton area. With the closure of the mines, the remit of the fund was no longer valid as there were no longer and direct beneficiaries.

The Community Foundation For Staffordshire revitalised the fund, expanding its remit in consultation with the Charity Commission to ensure that people in the Hilton area continued to benefit.

Since the Community Foundation took the fund, over its value has doubled, meaning it is now able to award £20,000 per annum, as opposed to the few thousand previously.

Steve Adams, chief executive of the Community Foundation for Staffordshire, said: "Awards will be made on merit and on a set of criteria."

Organisations, voluntary groups and individuals can apply from now for grants of up to £2,000 for projects based in South Staffordshire including the areas of Penkridge, Hilton, Featherstone, Hatherton, Shareshill and Cheslyn Hay. Call 01785 339540 or visit www.staffsfoundation.org.uk

Unemployment rise in January

THE number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance and other unemployment benefits in Staffordshire increased in January.

It follows a rise in the number of people unemployed in the West Midlands in the three months to December of 17,000 to 168,000.

Nationally, a record number of people are in work after another fall in unemployment. More than 31.8 million adults are in a job – 300,000 more than a year ago – after a quarterly rise of 37,000, while unemployment fell 7,000 to under 1.6 million.

Claimants in Cannock Chase rose by 50 to 765 – 1.2 per cent; Stafford was up 45 to 665 – 0.8 per cent; South Staffordshire increased by 40 to 725 – 1.1 per cent; and Lichfield had 20 more at 415 – 0.7 per cent.

Dedication service for church window

A DEDICATION service for the new stained-glass East Window at St Thomas' Church, Huntington, will take place on Sunday at 10.30am.

It will be conducted by Rev Clive Gregory, Bishop of Wolverhampton.

Finish line in sight for Ironman entries

The 2016 winner, Matt Troutmann

TIME is running out for athletes who want to take up the Ironman 70.3 Staffordshire challenge this year.

With 92 per cent of places now taken, there are only a limited number left for the third annual race.

The event sees competitors complete a 1.2-mile swim, 56-mile bike and 13.1-mile run, either as an individual or in a relay team.

As in previous years, the event will start at Chasewater and pass through Cannock Chase, culminating at Shugborough for the last time, before the run element and iconic finishing line moves to a new home in 2018. Councillor Mark Winnington, Staffordshire County Council's cabinet member for economic growth, said: "While Ironman will be continuing in the county, this will be the last chance for people to sign up to cross the finishing line at Shugborough on June 18.

"For anyone who is thinking about signing up, but hasn't yet done so, I'd urge them to book their place while there are still some available."

Kevin Stewart, managing director of Ironman UK & Ireland, said: "We have had very positive feedback from athletes about their experience in Staffordshire and are looking forward to welcoming new and old timers to our first race of the season."

Staffordshire County Council had been custodians of the Shugborough estate from 1966 but in November the management returned to the National Trust.

The trust says it wants to focus on conservation of the site, which means 2017 will be the last year Shugborough is incorporated into the event.

Further details are available on the Ironman website at eu.ironman.com

Car park drug deal in front of police officers

A DRUG dealer and his runner tried to complete a cannabis sale with police yards away.

Samuel Walker and Regan Brumpton parked in the Elmore Lane car park in Rugeley unaware that two officers were in an unmarked police car next to them.

A third unnamed man approached the BMW Walker had been driving illegally at about 12.40pm on June 13, 2016 and moved his hand towards a car window to accept a packet.

It was only then that Walker saw the police next to him and sped off but officers caught up with them. Walker should not have been driving the car, which he said belonged to his uncle, because he did not have a full driving licence and was not insured.

Asked whether he had any drugs on him, Walker, aged 26, reached onto the car's back seat and brought out 14.92 grams of skunk. They were broken down into 10 street deals and three larger deals, worth £60 each. Other searches were undertaken, including one at Walker's home in Armitage Road, Rugeley, and in total uncovered cannabis worth £1,120.

Absent

They included one drug collection weighing 88.7 grams, which had a street value of £840 and wholesale price of £600. Stafford Crown Court heard that Walker used Brumpton, 19, as a delivery boy for his cannabis and that in turn Brumpton would receive his own supply of the drug. Brumpton's own use of it had increased markedly in the 12 months before he was caught.

The court was told that Brumpton, of Harney Court, Rugeley, would normally have been in work that day, a Monday, but had been absent because he had taken his mother to hospital for an appointment.

Walker and Brumpton pleaded guilty to conspiracy to supply a class B drug. Walker also admitted driving otherwise than in accordance with a licence and having no insurance.

Walker was given a suspended prison sentence of 12 months suspended for two years and must complete 140 hours of unpaid work. His driving licence, which he now has legally, has been endorsed by six penalty points. The judge applied no separate penalty for having no insurance. Brumpton was given six months in a Young Offender Institution, suspended for two years. Both must undertake drug rehabilitation programmes for a year.

A world away from Hobbit hole

Rock Cottage, the former home of JRR Tolkien, is up for sale

A blue plaque on the outside wall

The living room at Rock Cottage

A dining area inside the cottage

THIS historic cottage in Staffordshire is a world away from an average Hobbit hole.

And whoever buys the £375,000 house will be purchasing their own slice of literary history – as the property was once the home of Lord of the Rings author JRR Tolkien. The listing of Rock Cottage, in the village of Great Haywood, will surely attract attention from the author's global fanbase.

Tolkien lived in the house from 1916 along with his wife Edith, as stated on a blue plaque on an outside wall of the property.

The author spent a formative period of his early life in Staffordshire, particularly during the First World War when he was posted to Army training camps on Cannock Chase.

Local landmarks influenced his works, including the confluence of two rivers and the nearby Shugborough Hall, which he reimagined as fantastical destinations for his writing. A statement about the property by estate agent Butters John Bee says: "Own a unique piece of history.

"Once lived in by JRR Tolkien, author of Lord of the Rings, this stunning village property comes with an abundance of charm, character and history.

"Offering spacious and versatile accommodation and having various amenities close by."

NEWS IN BRIEF

£500k fitness club for town centre

A £500,000 investment project is set to bring a 24-hour health and fitness club to Cannock town centre.

Anytime Fitness will open at High Green Court, generating up to 10 new full and part-time jobs. Heading up the project is franchisee Ash Sajid, who said: "Although Anytime Fitness is a global brand, we like to think of each centre as a community club.

"High Green Court is the perfect location, right in the heart of the town"

It is hoped that after work to transform the former Dunelm building, the fitness centre will launch at Easter.

Plea as man hurt in fight at house

CANNOCK police have appealed for information after a man was injured during a fight at a house in the town.

Detectives say they need the public's help in their investigations into the disturbance at an address in Foster Avenue at 10pm on Sunday, February 12 involving several men.

A 24-year-old local man suffered minor injuries. Police say a bracelet and chain, four large bottles of champagne, and a quantity of coins number of items were stolen from the property. It is believed the men involved drove off in a black Astra car.

Children can learn about native trees

STAFFORDSHIRE Wildlife Trust is helping children to learn more about native trees.

The group is working with the Woodland Trust to deliver the project to schools in Staffordshire.

The project has been running across the country for more than 10 years. It aims to plant 400,000 trees in schools across England by 2020 as part of a government-backed scheme.

Email d.coleman@staffs-wildlife.org.uk or call 01889 880100.

Show is a chance to demonstrate talent

A TALENT show is being held in Great Wyrley.

Great Wyrley carnival's Got Talent competition is looking for people who live in Great Wyrley or Cheslyn Hay or go to a local school. There are prizes of £50 and £25.

The contest will be held on Sunday, March 15, at Harrisons Sports and Social Club, in Wharwell Lane, Great Wyrley. For entry forms, or details, contact Pauline Kelsey on 01922 414647. Tickets for supporters cost £3.

Walk from Ironbridge

CHASE Ramblers will be going on a nine-mile moderate walk from Ironbridge this Sunday. Walkers should meet at Hednesford railway station car park, in Anglesey Street, Hednesford, for a 9am prompt departure. For further details contact Audrey on 01543 672958. New walkers welcome.

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IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

Ghosts? No real scary thing is Blair's back

FIGURES revealed under the Freedom of Information Act revealed that over a three-year period West Midlands Police received 15 reports of ghosts, 55 of witches, and two zombies.

My initial reaction was what a waste of valuable police time, probably down to adolescent students with too much time on their hands, or daft drunks and druggies who think they see people coming back from the dead all the time.

THEN I heard that Tony Blair was making a comeback in an attempt to stop Britain from leaving the EU. Suddenly the world seems a much scarier place.

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AN official from the local NUT was on local radio recently painting a bleak picture indeed about cutbacks to education budgets in the area.

"We could soon be getting to the point where schools can't afford classroom assistants, and there are no educational psychologists," she said in almost funereal tones.

Maybe I'm out of the loop, but I never even knew there was such a thing as an educational psychologist in your average school. And when I was at school there was no such thing as a classroom assistant. Unless you counted the milk monitor.

Of course, it is always a tragedy when somebody faces losing their job, and the teaching unions are there to represent their members.But trying to paint it as the end of the education system smacks of hyperbole. By the way, hyperbole is like exaggeration. If you went to a school without psychologists or classroom assistants.

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NATIONAL Geographic explorer Daniel Raven-Ellison has been on a walk. A rather long walk. Just over 1,047 miles to be precise, around every city and national park in Great Britain. And out of all of these places, where does he like best?

"The wilderness and scenery makes Dudley one of the best places I've been in the UK," he says.

Wilderness? To be honest, I thought they had put a stop to that sort of thing when they closed the old Goldsmith's nightclub back in the 90s.

He carried out his research by wandering around with a set of electrodes on his head, which looks like some kind of sci-fi torture device from an episode of The Avengers. He said the brain sensors detected "high levels of interest".

I bet they did. But it's much harder doing your shopping on a Saturday afternoon.

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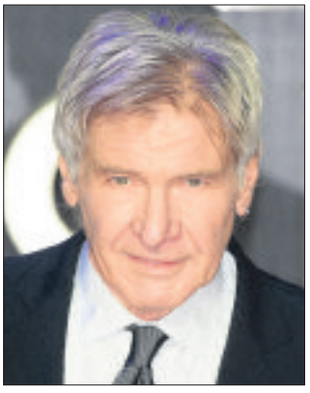
SPOTTED an intriguing sign directing me towards "adult snacks" at my local supermarket. Can't tell you how disappointed I was when I found they were just fancy crisps.

Audit on ministers' vehicles showed 200 had gone



Pilot Harrison Ford: A near-miss or was it actually a near-hit?

Fake news: Type 'Putin is dead' into Google and you'll get 84,000 responses

Mystery: How does David Davis' text about Dianne Abbott make front page news

Days when limos just went missing

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

THERE'S a shortage of cars in Ghana. When the new government took office recently, it ordered an audit of all the ministers' limos on the books. About 200 vehicles, including 122 Toyota Land Cruisers, have mysteriously vanished. It is suspected that some have been taken home by members of the former government. Easily done, isn't it? One day you accidentally take home an office ballpoint pen, the next a few paperclips, the next a Land Cruiser. One of the former government's spin-doctors has accused the new administration of "embarrassing the country in the sight of the international community" by highlighting the issue. It's a fine old political tradition. If the news is bad, shoot the messenger.

INCIDENTALLY, if you're sniggering at Ghana's expense, ask yourself how many of Britain's warplanes, tanks, frigates, submarines and destroyers are where they are supposed to be, and fit for action. Borrowing a government-owned limo is a form of theft but having half our military hardware in workshops, dry docks or cannibalised to keep the other half working is a form of treason.

GREAT mysteries of our time. How does David Davis' unflattering text about Dianne Abbott, sent to one of his parliamentary 'friends', miraculously get from the 'friend' to the front pages of the newspapers? Unless, of course, some friends are not friends at all, but complete bounders.

GREAT names demand great dramas. How could Harrison Ford fly his aircraft into John Wayne Airport without something exciting happening? The something in question was one of those incidents we bizarrely call a near-miss, when it is actually a near-hit.

AH, the drama, the glory, the power. The steam locomotive Tornado is pulling trains on the Settle-to-Carlisle line and what a magnificent sight it is. I recall a steam-hauled trip on the Severn Valley Railway some years ago in the company of a bloke who once went to school by train. His memory of the golden age of steam was not so golden. In all the seven years of his secondary education, he never once arrived at school with a clean shirt. So that's drama, glory, power – and smuts.

THE Russian news website Sputnik stands accused of pumping out fake news. But if the Kremlin is dealing in fakery, it is probably as much sinned against as sinning. For example, type 'Putin is dead' into Google and you'll get 84,000 responses.

THE Early Learning Centre stands accused of "stone age" attitudes to gender for a marketing leaflet showing little boys dressed as heroes and little girls as princesses. A campaign called Let Toys Be Toys thunders: "Girls are passive princesses while wise, smart, active boys save the day? Very disappointing." The inconvenient fact, as most of us who have raised daughters will confirm, is that almost before they are out of their own pram, little girls want a mini-pram of their own and a baby doll to go in it. We tried really hard to rear a gender-neutral child but at 18 months, on her first trip to the big toy shop she plunged into the display and returned embracing a Tiny Tears and cooing: "Dolly, dolly, dolly!" in pure joy. It is in their genes.

I AM not alone in being unimpressed with Let Toys Be Toys. From a cyberstorm of derision, I liked this: "Where can I find a neutral coloured androgenous superperson costume for my non gender-specific child?"

TESS Newall thought her cherished 150-year-old wedding dress had been lost when a dry cleaners in Edinburgh ceased trading. But after her story went viral, a renewed search of the premises found it. Such is the power of the internet. It reminds me of my YouTube item on malt-based food supplements of the 1950s. It went Virol.

AN Anglican preacher has been suspended after emailing the pro-EU MP Anna Soubry: "Traitors are long remembered. May you burn in hell, you evil bitch!" To his credit he signed off: "Pastoral Co-ordinator, delivering well-being." Sweet.

AFTER relating some of your tales of woe about the insurance cartel – sorry, industry – my own renewal note arrived this week. The premium has shot up by 12 per cent. But that's not the worst of it. What really niggles is that the only way of renewing the policy is on the internet and you don't even get a policy document or cover note; you have to find them in cyberspace and print them yourself. In what pig-ignorant, thick-headed corner of commerce is this regarded as customer service?

MEANWHILE, another reader, another moan. His 86-year-old mother, having loyally stayed with the same insurers for 20 years, was presented with a £202 bill to renew her house contents policy. He went online and found identical cover for £38. He informed the current insurers who promptly dropped their premium from £202 to £64. In the language of insurancespeak, loyal=mug.

TALKING POINT

One word to ballet SNOBs – shush!

I AM a ballet fan, a convert who came late to an appreciation of the art of the dance.

I encountered ballet through my job as a journalist and by the good fortune of having one of Europe's finest ballet companies, Birmingham Royal Ballet, move to my region from London some 27 years ago, where it had been Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet.

Ballet has provided some of my most enchanting nights in the theatre. I have been spellbound by the beautiful elegance of the ballerinas, the strength of the male dancers and enchanted by the sumptuous, dream-like quality of the grand ballets. I have thrilled to the vigour and glamour of Matthew Bourne's productions, including his recent hit The Red Shoes, and enjoyed the charm, wit and excellence David Bintley has brought to Birmingham's repertoire.

But there is one thing that I don't like about ballet. There is, thankfully a minority, but ever present, an element in the ballet audience who seem to resent the rest of the audience.

They 'shush' at perfectly reasonably behaved audience members when they cough, admonish children who don't sit as still as statues, I even heard of one of these 'share not our ballet' types – or SNOB for short – chiding the person in the seat in front of them for having the temerity to be tall. Did she want him to crouch! I have seen them at almost every ballet event, looking daggers, rolling their eyes, and using passive aggressive tactics on people who they obviously don't think belong in the audience for a ballet.

I even heard one comment that it looked as if many of those in the audience were on benefits. They were referring to the likes of you and me. By benefits I guess they don't mean a pension, as sad to say, most of these SNOBs are in the well-heeled senior category.

The average ballet fan is not the sort of hotdog munching, phone chattering, Slushie slurping character from your worst cinema multiplex nightmare. The worst I have ever come across is someone with a hacking cough who should have remained in their sick bed. Those who attend ballet have spent a lot on a ticket to enjoy an art that will, in this age of shrinking subsidies, surely die unless it finds a fresh younger audience.

The moaners want to keep ballet to themselves. Many of the dancers don't come from privileged backgrounds, there are several Billy and Milly Elliots. So hurray for Bintley and Bourne, maintaining high standards whilst creating productions that are genuinely popular.

I saw one of the old guard groan when the audience rose in their seats to give The Red Shoes a standing ovation at The Hippodrome. Whether he thought it undeserved or was just annoyed that his view was briefly obscured, I know not. Perhaps I should have shushed him.

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Hosts spin yarn to promote wool festival

Festival organisers Ingrid Wagner, left, and Val James

Sonic Knits' Bowie kit provides a colourful exhibit

TOFT's circle of woolly creatures

AN 81-year-old exhibitor will be among the crowds flocking to a new wool and yarn festival.

Robert Mack will be attending with his bone China buttons.

More than 40 exhibitors have booked to attend the festival near Penkridge, dubbed Wool @ J13, over the weekend of May 13 and 14.

Set on a 600-acre farm a mile from junction 13 of the M6, the festival was the idea of wool artist Ingrid Wagner.

Having noticed a gap in the market for such an event for the Midlands, Ingrid teamed up with Val James, who runs a successful farm attraction.

Exhibitor applications flooded in, and the original selling space was fully allocated by the mid-January deadline.

It meant organisers decided to invite applications from businesses that had been trading for less than 12 months.

Ingrid said: "We want to offer visitors a great experience, and the opportunity to discover new exhibitors is a huge part of that.

"We've had a great response from exhibitors, well-known and brand new." Traders booked include TOFT, Little Gem Felts, Plant Dyed Wool and Lynne Rowe Knitting & Crochet.

New faces include Fiona Brennan from Sonic Knits.

Visitors can sign up for workshops including left-handed knitting and 'dizzy sheep spinning'.

Notty Hornblower from The Hope Costume Museum in Derbyshire will also be enlightening visitors about moths.

Demonstrations will include shearing sheep and angora rabbits.

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Shops face a challenge

I AM shocked at the amount of stalls closing inside Cannock Market – all because the council has imposed an extra day on them to collect more rent to compensate for the power station closure.

Surely three days' rent is better than none.

There are also shops closing because the rents are too high. Do the council want shops in the town? It beggars belief.

JUDITH WALTERS
Hednesford

Foreign aid the answer

ONCE again, I read that the NHS is losing millions of pounds because foreigners are not paying for medical treatment ("Hospitals are owed £1.3m by patients from abroad", February 16).

There is a very simple solution: allow the NHS to claim back the cost, for each unpaid treatment, from the foreign aid budget.

D EVANS
Rugeley

Up-to-date census is needed on the A5

I AM delighted at the installation of traffic lights at the Vicarage Lane junction with the A5 adjacent to the M6.

They are successful in handling the vastly increased volume of traffic.

However, the situation at the Four Crosses, Hatherton, crossroads is considerably worse. I understand that although land is available, an island is much more expensive than lights.

The A5 was widened some years ago and includes lanes to allow vehicles to turn safely when there is a break in the traffic. I think installation would therefore be straightforward. I would suggest an up-to-date census of traffic flows on all the approaches is taken.

I have a vested interest as I have to cross the A5 on a regular basis.

E TURVEY
Stafford

Hospital turned out to be excellent choice

A COUPLE of subjects intertwined: I have just returned from Stafford County Hospital where my wife has had some major surgery. I have to say what an absolutely marvellous place this is. It is clean, warm, welcoming and the staff have been great. Cheerful and caring.

After a couple of false starts with missing paperwork by the Royal at North Staffs the procedure was carried out at County. How did we end up there?

We asked to use the little mentioned 'choose and book' service, which is available to all GP surgeries in our area.

We were offered Rowley Hall, Cannock, County or the North Staffs. We chose County at Stafford.

It is obvious how underused this beautiful facility is – only two people in the ward (my wife was one) and a restaurant with just eight people in it.

Incidentally they have proper kitchens and cook on site. I now beg readers to use 'choose and book'. On the second subject; on talking to staff at this hospital I was told that the operating theatres had to be closed for some days with the patients transferred to Stoke. Why? Because the smoke and fumes from Oak Tree Farm in Rugeley had drifted along and down the valley, and the air con systems had brought it into the hospital and ventilation system.

GEORGE EVANS
Rugeley

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So, was there a Plan B?

AND so Cannock Chase Council continue to whine about Rugeley Power Station shutting. Yes, it did come as a shock to all, including those of us that worked there and had many changes of workwear 'sponsorship' over the years. But in reality, did the council not put into place a contingency plan for loss of revenue as the power station had been shutting on and off since 1999?

ROB
Rugeley

Dated view on equality

I WAS at a county council meeting at Stafford today when I thought I had gone through a time warp.

We were discussing employment levels and wages when one leading Conservative councillor got up and started talking about 'the breadwinner and his wife'.

I thought we were all equal these days. Clearly some people don't think so.

CLLR GEORGE ADAMSON
Hednesford & Rawnsley

Land will be lost forever

SO the county council wants to tackle our obesity crisis ("1 in 5 childen are now obese", February 16).

Well, it could start by not wanting to develop on all of the land in this county and allow our children to enjoy these wild places.

Mill Green is just another shopping centre . . . but the land is lost forever.

PAUL ROCHFORT
Cheslyn Hay

New homes will make road more dangerous

SIXTY THREE houses are to be built directly opposite Cheslyn Hay High and Primary schools, which is absolutely ridiculous.

Saredon Road and surrounding roads are gridlocked at peak times. A few extra parking spaces on the estate won't make an iota of difference, and the road will be made more dangerous with vehicles exiting the estate directly opposite the schools.

I'm not a NIMBY but I see the traffic problems every day, and this proposal will just exacerbate the problem.

Plus, if the houses are passed for Essington, this will mean more traffic bringing pupils to Cheslyn Hay, unless another school is built elsewhere. How will the infrastructure cope?

MRS V BIRD
Cheslyn Hay

Why not go Georgian to protect the green belt?

CANNOCK Chase Council is considering proposals to build on green belt land ("Anger at plans for 3,000 homes", February 9). This could be avoided if councillors reviewed planning policy. The site currently being developed alongside Pye Green Road has a third of the land designated as green space; yes, next to the Chase.

To reduce building on green belt land, councillors could ignore government guidelines and open space demands by building at the densities of Georgian towns. As well as avoiding the cost of maintaining green space it could create attractive streetscapes and increase tax revenue.

GRAHAME WIGGIN
UKP Cannock Chase branch

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Voicing support for singer Jason

TV Voice hopeful Jason Jones from Brownhills singing at The Kingfisher Club in Lichfield

HE has wowed millions of TV viewers and the likes of Sir Tom Jones and will.i.am with his voice, but Jason Jones was delighted to come back to his roots for a local gig.

The Voice star, an RAC worker from Brownhills, returned to the Kingfisher Club in Lichfield over the weekend where he was a regular hit before finding the limelight.

The 31-year-old's rendition of Pillow Talk by Zayn sparked rave reviews from judges Sir Tom, Jennifer Hudson, will.i.am and Gavin Rossdale on the TV talent show, with the singer set to return to screens soon. James Porter, chairman of the Kingfisher Club, said that fame hasn't changed the humble vocalist.

He said: "I am always happy to see Jason, we have had him here plenty of times in the past.

"He told me that it is a bit of a shock to him but he is loving it, it is a great opportunity for him and he deserves the success he is getting."

Jason's new-found fame brought a much bigger audience through the Kingfisher doors than ever before.

Mr Porter said it was the biggest crowd the venue had seen for live music in 10 years. He said: "It was a wonderful show, a wonderful evening, and I wish Jason all the best."

Jason, who has a five-month-old son Jax with partner Collette, has been gigging around the country for years. He watched his breakthrough TV appearance on The Voice in The Park Gate pub, Cannock Wood alongside friends and family.

His rise to fame meant it was third time lucky after failing to get past the audition stage two years ago, then overslept last year and missed his slot.

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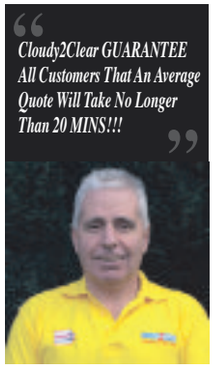

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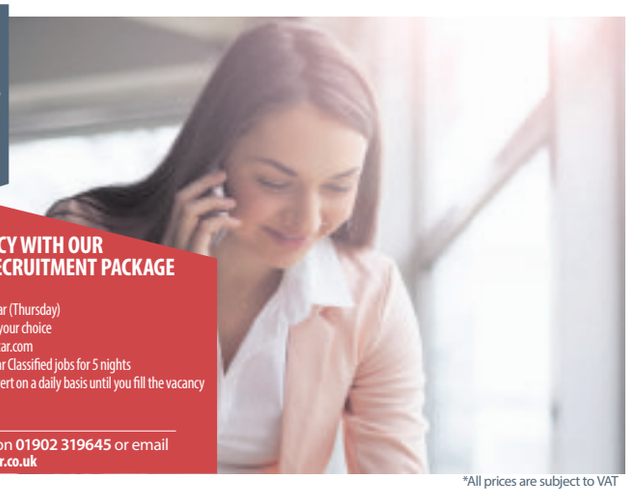

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Funding boost for playground

A CASH donation from Persimmon Homes will help a Cannock group continue to provide an adventure playground for children with special needs.

SNAP – Special Needs Adventure Playground – in Pye Green Road was chosen to receive the money as part of the building firm's Community Champions scheme.

The company chose the charity to be one of two groups to receive a match-funding donation in its monthly charity scheme.

Carole Turner, spokeswoman for SNAP, said: "We have been busy fundraising to purchase special needs toys. We had raised more than £650 through teddy tombolas, but this extra boost from Persimmon Homes really will be the icing on the cake."

Stephen Cleveley, sales director at Persimmon Homes West Midlands, said: "It is clear that the work of SNAP is much-needed within this region."

I hope telling story will help other con victims – pensioner

AN elderly man who was conned out of £11,500 by a bogus roofer has said he hopes his story will encourage other victims to come forward.

By Rob Cox

Christopher Dutton, 67, was cold-called by David Allen and tricked into handing over £9,000 for maintenance work, which had been 'massively' overpriced.

Having earned Mr Dutton's trust, Allen conned him of a further £2,500. An investigation by Staffordshire trading standards later revealed a reasonable price for all the work completed would have been £1,770.

Mr Dutton, of Rugeley, has now spoken out after Allen was given a suspended sentence and ordered to pay £9,780 in compensation.

He said: "I am delighted that the case has reached a successful conclusion.

"I was initially worried about coming forward but have been supported by Staffordshire County Council's trading standards team and Staffordshire Police throughout. I hope that my example in pursuing this case will encourage others to report similar incidents and help the authorities bring these criminals to justice."

Staffordshire County Council has also given its reaction to the sentence. The authority's communities leader, Gill Heath, said: "We are pleased with this sentence which means the victim will have their money returned. This trader must now also pay the price for his dishonesty.

"The main role of our trading standards team is to support businesses and help them to trade responsibly. They will also do all they can to make Staffordshire a safer place and stop criminals who target people in their homes.

"People should obtain quotes from more than one reputable trader if work is needed.

"They should politely refuse if a doorstep trader says work should be done and call the police if they feel threatened. More advice is available on the national Citizens Advice website."

Witness plea on three-car crash

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after two men were taken to hospital following a three-car crash in Cheslyn Hay.

A man in his 30s and a man in his 40s were taken to the Royal Stoke University Hospital after the accident in Lodge Lane.

The older man was trapped in the car for more than half an hour and was cut free by firefighters. He suffered pelvic, hip and ankle injuries. Paramedics moved him with a neck collar, spinal board and pelvic splint.

The man in his 30s sustained facial injuries and a leg injury. He was given pain relief and immobilised before being taken away. Both men were driving Honda cars.

Lodge Lane was closed for a time as the emergency services worked to clear the debris.

The driver of a Mercedes which was also involved in the incident was uninjured.

Staffordshire Police are appealing for witnesses to call them on 101, quoting incident number 705 of 13 February.

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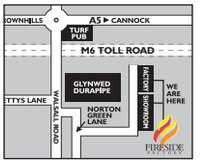

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Adults caught posing as asylum-seeking children

Julian turns judge for day

Dozens of pupils auditioned for the event, including Ciara Bryan, aged 16, and Dominic Sterland, 17, who are pictured with the star

FAMOUS cellist Julian Lloyd Webber visited Stafford Grammar School's music festival as a VIP guest judge and found pupils in fine tune.

The 65-year-old virtuoso, composer and principal of Birmingham Conservatoire said: "I'm very interested to hear local musicians, and if I can help inspire them, that's wonderful. We don't want the Conservatoire to be seen as an elite establishment.

"It's only down the road from Stafford, and our doors are wide open. It's wonderful to see music at the core of a school, and there are some talented musicians here at Stafford Grammar.

"I could only judge on how they performed on the night.

"Music should be all about enjoyment, and that needs to come across in a performance, whether it be note perfect or not."

Dozens of pupils aged 11 to 18 auditioned for the event, with 21 places in the final at stake and the chance to perform to one of the most successful cellists of all time, who is the brother of musical theatre impresario Andrew Lloyd Webber.

HALF a dozen asylum seekers claiming to be children while looking for refuge in Staffordshire were exposed as adults.

Six refugees tried to seek asylum in the county as unaccompanied asylum-seeking children, but age checks found they were not children.

Two were between 19 and 21, one was 20 and three were assessed as being at least 18.

The figures, obtained through a freedom of information request, relate to the 2014-15 and 2015-16 financial years when the county took in 64 unaccompanied asylum-seeking children.

One asylum seeker pretended to be 14 old. Three of the six pretended to be 17 while two claimed to be 16.

Between November 2014 and March 2015, Staffordshire County Council took in six unaccompanied asylum-seeking children.

Caught

Three of these, all men, pretended to be children. This means half of the asylum-seeking children seeking refuge in the county in that period were not children.

Then between April 2015 and March 2016, a further three adults were caught pretending to be children. However, the council did take in 58 unaccompanied asylum-seeking children during the period.

These cases have been referred to the Home Office, which processes their claims as adult asylum seekers.

UKIP MEP Bill Etheridge, who covers Staffordshire and the West Midlands, said the asylum seekers should be 'expelled', adding: "Tolerating law breaking should not be part of our immigration policy."

Councillor Mark Sutton, the council's cabinet member for children and young people said: "Every unaccompanied asylum-seeking child or young person arriving in Staffordshire has their age assessed by a specialist team of social workers."

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Link road plan 'a threat to historic hall'

The National Trust has warned that the link road would have a 'significant detrimental impact' on Moseley Old Hall

THE National Trust has objected to plans for a link road in South Staffordshire, warning that the plans could have an impact on Moseley Old Hall.

Developers have put forward nine options for a link road to ROF Featherstone, across the road from Moseley Old Hall, as part of the redevelopment of the Royal Ordnance Factory.

Despite the nine options they have stated publicly they prefer options seven and nine, as they 'would allow the site to be developed to create jobs, manage increased traffic, including HGVs and reduce the impact on the existing roadworks'.

But it is option nine that has prompted a strong objection from the National Trust, which has warned that the link road would have a 'significant detrimental impact' on Moseley Old Hall, adding that it would end a 400-year history of people walking the paths to Northycote Farm. Option nine involves the link road cutting through Moseley Old Hall Lane, the road leading up to the hall.

Michelle Fullard, conservation manager at Moseley Old Hall, said: "We are objecting to Option 9 because of the significant detrimental impact it would have upon the historic setting of Moseley Old Hall." The National Trust stressed it is objecting to option nine only, and not the overall development of the Royal Ordnance Factory.

£650k funding to study demise of coal mining

A UNIVERSITY has secured funding of more than £650,000 to run a project looking into the British coal industry and its decline.

The funding has been awarded to the University of Wolverhampton by the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC).

Keith Gildart, a former coal miner and professor of social and labour history, will front the study, entitled On Behalf of the People; Work, Community, and Class in the British Coal Industry 1947-1994.

It will look at the everyday experiences of coal miners in the workplace and community as well as domestically. The project will also try to shed new light on key moments in the history of the industry. As part of the study, Prof Gildart, in partnership with the National Mining Museums of England, Scotland and Wales and the General Federation of Trade Unions, will develop an interactive website, blog, and touring exhibition.

More than 80 people will be interviewed as part of the project, which will also focus on the industrial disputes of 1972, 1974 and 1984-85, and the subsequent closure of all of the nation's deep mines in the first two decades of the 21st Century.

Keith Gildart is a former coal miner

Prof Gildart, who spent seven years as an underground miner in Wales between 1985 and 1992, said: "Our work will explore the development of the industry, its workplace cultures, industrial identities, politics, and individual and collective experiences through a detailed examination of eight collieries in England, Scotland and Wales. We will be undertaking extensive archival work in the coalfields and interview former miners and their families."

Miceal Barden, dean of the faculty of social sciences, said: "We are delighted that the AHRC have awarded such a significant grant for this important and innovative researchd."

Coal mining in the UK dates back to Roman times and was carried out in many different parts of the country.

Imported

Mines were gradually closed over the years and that continued under Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

The consumption of coal, mostly for electricity, plunged from 157 million tons in 1970 to 37 million tons in 2015 – nearly all of it imported.

Employment in the coal mines fell from a peak of 1.19 million in 1920 to 695,000 in 1956; 247,000 in 1976; 44,000 in 1993; and 2,000 in 2015.

Prof Gildart will be joined in his work by co-investigator Dr Andrew Perchard, from Coventry University Business School, and two research assistants based in Wolverhampton.

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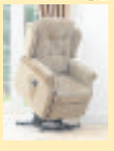

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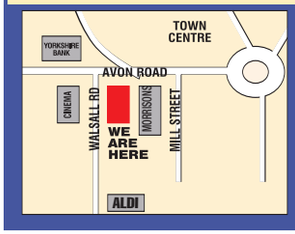

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Bus lane cameras will make £35k annual profit

Market makes it debut

The Churros and Chocolate stall at the new artisan market

THE first of a series of new artisan markets in Hednesford town centre went down a storm, despite the inclement weather.

The stalls in Market Street included crafts, gifts, specialist food and drinks vendors selling everything from paella and samosas to churros with chocolate sauce. Local produce featured highly, with cheeses, wines and pies on offer.

Dates were set last year for four events after residents and traders championed the idea of bringing a market back to Market Street, as a way of attracting new shoppers to the area and to provide a boost to the town's economy.

Carol Fittes, chair of Hednesford in Partnership, said: "It's great that we've been able to work together as a town to make this happen."

Councillor Paul Woodhead, who represents Hednesford South on Cannock Chase Council, and is vice-chair of the Hednesford in Partnership group, said: "This is something that our entire community has been seeking for quite some time."

The next three markets are planned for Staffordshire Day, with stalls on Saturday, April 29, the Summer Festival on Saturday, August 12 and the Christmas lights switch-on, with a market the following day, on Saturday, December 2.

Russell Dean, operations manager of Sketts, who will organise the markets, said: "With the backing of the local groups I am sure each event will be successful and a benefit to the whole town."

TRAFFIC cameras will be used to prevent drivers using bus lanes after some were found to be using them illegally, Staffordshire County Council has announced.

The authority wants to spend £50,000 next year installing cameras which would recognise number plates to ensure just buses and taxis use the special lanes.

It expects to make a profit of £35,000 a year from 2018 by fining illegal drivers.

Drivers are currently fined £60 by the authority if they are caught driving in a bus lane. But that can drop to £30 if paid within a fortnight. Alternatively, if not paid within a month it can increase by 50 per cent – leaving a driver with a fine of £90.

The council said it puts all fines it generates back into its transport department.

Surplus

Cabinet member for highways and transport Councillor Mark Deaville said: "Where we have used bus lane cameras before, for example at i54 South Staffordshire, we have seen almost 99 per cent of traffic obeying the rules.

"Our main aim is discourage cars from acting illegally and using bus lanes, but any surplus after the costs of operating the camera will be ploughed back into transport or highway activities.

"In the case of some bus lanes that don't have cameras, we have seen that up to 50 per cent of traffic does not adhere to the rules, which as well as having an impact on buses can also affect wider issues amongst other highway users within town centres."

Councillor Deaville added: "Keeping people and goods moving on our roads is an important part of ensuring Staffordshire is a great place to live and do business."

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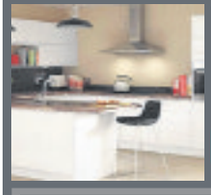

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£3,000 donation to help animals

A CHEQUE for more than £3,000 has been handed to an animal rescue centre following a fundraising drive. The presentation to Cliveglen Small Dog Rescue in Landywood Lane, Cheslyn Hay, was made possible by donations to an appeal run by Pets at Home in Cannock. Throughout December, the store's team worked hard to raise funds to help provide meals for abandoned pets in and around Cannock, as part of the Santa Paws initiative being run by the charity Support Adoption For Pets. Originally founded by Pets at Home in 2006, Support Adoption For Pets has grown into a major national pet charity. The cheque for £3,017.73 was presented at Pets at Home in Cannock.

£47m cutbacks approved

CUTS totalling £47.4 million over the next year have been approved by Staffordshire County Council.

Drug and alcohol services, 'reablement' services for people who have been sick, and Staffordshire South West Citizens Advice Bureau, will all have their funding levels slashed.

Meanwhile, the county's residents will be asked to pay 4.95 per cent more council tax from April – an increase of £53.89 for Band D homes.

The rise will plough an extra £19m into the council's coffers. The measures were voted through at a meeting of the full council.

Councillor Ian Parry, deputy leader and cabinet member for finance, said: "If we want to have an affordable council in the future, it means we have to be smaller and smarter.

"That's the journey we are on, and it means making some tough choices.

"So far, we haven't flinched from doing so when necessary."

The council's budget for 2017-18 totals £475.6m, of which £312.8m will be funded through council tax. Health and care accounts for £205.8m of the budget, with the council set to pay out an extra £19.9m next year when it takes over the long-term care placement budget for older and disabled people from Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Partnership Trust.

The £3m cuts to drugs and alcohol services will see the axing of centres in Cannock and Stafford.

This will put recovering alcoholics at risk of relapse, according to a report discussed by the Healthy Staffordshire select committee.

Reablement services will lose £4.2m of council money, and debt advice services provided by Staffordshire South West CAB will no longer be funded.

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Members' evening has love theme

Etching Hill WI

PRESIDENT Chris Stinton, and the rest of the Etching Hill WI committee, had a back seat in February when six members took over for the annual Members' Night meeting.

It came as no surprise that their chosen theme for the evening was Valentine's Day, as all six ladies had dressed for the occasion by wearing items of red, and were each holding a single red rose.

The audience were treated to a potted history of how Valentine's Day had started, and learned that Saint Valentine is not only the patron saint of lovers but also of beekeepers and travellers amongst other things. Valentine's cards were around in the early 19th century, and the six members took it in turns to read out Valentine card verses, along with some traditional and modern romantic poetry and prose.

A love themed quiz followed, and the WI members were challenged to compose an acrostic poem from the word Valentine, resulting in a good variety of entries. This was followed by Bucks Fizz and some delicious homemade cakes.

It was a fun evening.

Etching Hill WI members have another excellent year to look forward to, starting with a trip to London to see the musical The Girls, based on the true story of the WI Calendar Girls.

As well as a variety of monthly speakers there are plans for a visit to Arther Price in Lichfield and an NGS garden in Uttoxeter.

Daughter's insight into life of comedian

Gail Stuart, centre, with June Bould, Lynne Tuckley, president Carole Holdcroft and Jill Gooch

Cannock & District Soroptimists

AT their 62nd annual Charter Dinner held at Chase Golf Club, 96 members and guests of SI Cannock & District were entertained by Gail Stuart, daughter of the late, great comedian Eric Morecambe.

President Carole Holdcroft welcomed everyone including Soroptimists from other clubs in the region. Pat Cross and Cherril Pritchard, Joint Regional Presidents, gave a witty and amusing response to Soroptimist International while also outlining the charities and good causes SI Cannock has supported since April 2016.

After an excellent meal, Gail gave a humorous and enlightening talk on what life was like growing up in the Morecambe household and gave insights into the special relationship that Eric and Ernie had with each other. She talked about her father's early years and how he did not attend school regularly, and was often found entertaining in such places as building sites and town centres for pennies.

On display were Gail's personal photographs of family and Eric's friendship with many entertainment personalities such as The Beatles, Des O'Connor and Tom Jones. June Bould gave the vote of thanks.

Recounting tales from privy

Cheslyn Hay TG

DOWN the garden Path was where the ladies were taken by writer David Bell.

He recounted rather funny tales about 'The Privy at the bottom of the Garden' – it was most entertaining.

There were tales about the actual types with holes to accommodate one, two or three people and what type of papers were there for use, torn newspapers for every day and orange wrappers for visitors placed on a hook on the wall. He also spoke about the night soil men and the various antics they got up to. There was quite a lot of laughter as he recounted various stories he had received from people all over the country.

An ex-primary school headteacher who wrote books for 10-year-olds and now in retirement David has written quite a few books relating to Staffordshire, Leicestershire and Derbyshire and also crime fiction which he wrote under the pseudonym of Jack Wainer.

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Helping hand for charity riders

Shropshire and Staffordshire Blood Bikes will benefit from a coffee and cake morning in Rugeley

THE first Rugeley Community Helping Hands get-together of 2017 is being held on March 23.

The event is billed as an opportunity for the community to drop in and see the types of help and support available in the district.

Centre coordinator Lisa Mead said money will be raised for the Shropshire and Staffordshire Blood Bikes charity through a coffee and cake morning running alongside the get-together.

All are welcome to drop in. Both events, which start at 10.30am, are being held at Rugeley Community Centre in Burnthill Lane.

'Join debate' on schools

AN MP has urged people to get involved in a consultation over schools in Staffordshire.

The county has had 'a raw deal' on funding, getting less per pupil than most other areas, claims Michael Fabricant. Staffordshire has been in the bottom 20 areas for funding because historically the county spent less on its schools.

The Government is planning to address this problem but Mr Fabricant, MP for Lichfield, said: "Some figures being bandied around suggest that the new funding formula might make Staffordshire still worse off. I have tackled the Education Secretary on this but [Education Secretary] Justine Greening tells me those figures are speculative and do not reflect the Government's proposed fairer funding formula for schools."

The Government has outlined and sought views on the funding system and the principles by which it will design the formula.

It has also confirmed which factors will be used in the formula, and has invited responses to the weightings that should be given.

Submissions for the current consultation can be made via consult.education.gov.uk/funding-policy-unit/schools-national-funding-formula2/

Mr Fabricant said: "I urge everyone to contribute to this consultation, as I have done."

The consultation closes on March 22.

March through town aims to stop rabbit farm scheme

A MARCH against plans for a rabbit farm will take place next month.

Rugeley-based Romanian food wholesaler POE Ltd wants to breed rabbits at an 'intense' farm in Gnosall to sell their meat, skin and by-products around the globe.

The plans were originally rejected, but the developers have appealed in an attempt to force the scheme through.

The planning application for Radmore Lane was submitted to Stafford Borough Council last year.

About 70,000 people signed a petition against the scheme. Animal rights organisation PETA also objected.

Now, the Stop Gnosall's Cruel Rabbit Farm group is staging a protest march in Stafford on March 25.

It will start in Victoria Park at 1pm. Organisers plan to march around Stafford before returning to the park.

A group spokesman said: "We simply cannot allow this decision to be overturned. Allowing a rabbit battery farm will represent such a huge backwards step for farm animals in the UK.

"The barbaric and outdated practice of farming animals in cages has no place in the 21st Century."

The group, which launched the original petition, has since started a second petition calling on the appeal to be refused. It has been backed by more than 5,000 people.

PETA's Mimi Bekhechi said: "A rabbit farm in Gnosall would be a living hell for the animals caged within its walls, as well as a nightmare for local residents.

"We urge the Secretary of State to respect the wishes of the thousands of people who object vociferously to this proposed monstrosity, including 17,000 PETA supporters – as well as the council's decision to reject the application – and to throw out this cynical appeal."

No-one from POE Ltd was available to comment, but the company has previously vowed that they would not give up after the plans were rejected.

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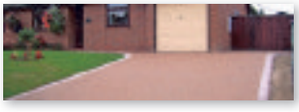

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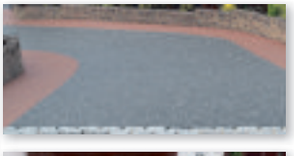

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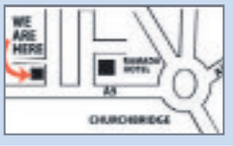

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PO closure 'temporary'

THE closure of a village post office is only temporary, bosses have insisted. Hammerwich post office has been closed since last month but Post Office bosses attended the parish council meeting last week to reassure residents they did intend to keep a postal facility in the town. A spokesman confirmed it saw the current position in Hammerwich as a 'temporary closure' and that it was looking at two potential options to keep an outlet in the village. These include having a new shop open up with a postal facility based inside or an outreach post office,available four hours a week.

Job cuts on horizon to deal with NHS deficit

HEALTH services in Staffordshire and the Black Country risk running up deficits of hundreds of millions of pounds in four years, with chiefs looking at job cuts to save cash.

The savings are needed at hospitals, surgeries and clinics to avoid unaffordable bills. The region's Strategic Transformation Plan (STP) has revealed a deficit in Staffordshire of more than £500 million if changes are not made.

By Jack Averty

Health providers in the Black Country also need to make big savings, or they will be left with a funding deficit of £512m by 2021.

The plan added: "It is clear to us our current ways of operating are unsustainable."

In both areas, plans are being looked at to cut staff numbers, and reduce A&E admissions and the cost of managing buildings.

Proposals to avoid the looming deficit include:

● Combining mental health services to one provider and saving £16.7m by reducing the number of patients with mental health problems going to A&E. Figures suggest around one in five of all A&E attendances and emergency admissions relate to mental health service users.

● Cutting the rate of infant mortality. Around 100 babies die in the Black Country each year. Cutting it to 34 fewer deaths each year would produce an estimated saving of £58m. It hopes to reduce the number of deaths through better screening and treatment of pregnant women and newborn children.

● A further £7m is earmarked to be saved from reducing the number of admissions to care homes across the Black Country.

In the Black Country the new Midland Metropolitan Hospital, which will combine elements of Sandwell General and City Hospital in Birmingham, is projected to save cash through 'efficiencies in staffing'.

Meanwhile Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust, which will run the hospital, hopes to eliminate much of its medical agency bill, one of the highest in the country.

Walsall's rheumatology service, run by Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, may close due to its size – with plans being drawn up to have a service covering the whole of the Black Country.

The STP found the service, which helps patients with arthritis and joint pain, to be 'unsustainable.'

Andy Williams, the Black Country Sustainability and Transformation Plan lead, said: "We have a diverse and changing population, and demand for health and care services is growing and evolving.

"We need to work together to meet these challenges within a tight financial envelope.

"The Sustainability and Transformation Plan enables us to do this in a way we could not do as individual organisations."

Shop is gutted as fire hits flat used as a drug factory

A CANNOCK businessman has told of his devastation after his shop was damaged when a flat above, which was home to a cannabis factory, caught fire.

Jamie McMahon, the owner of Affordable Signs, in High Street, Walsall Wood, said it would cost him thousands of pounds to put right.

The fire did not spread downstairs, but a ceiling was wrecked, and there was extensive water damage to the shop and its machinery.

Mr McMahon, aged 42, said: "The shop has been completely devastated.

"All the machines are ruined because of the ceiling and water damage. They have had to rip the ceiling down.

"We have salvaged what we can but a lot has been ruined. I am devastated.

"I found out about it when someone phoned me to say my shop was on fire.

"The damage will be in the thousands. It has got to be rewired, new ceiling, new flooring.

"There will be hidden things on top of that as well. It is not going to be cheap."

West Midlands Police are investigating the blaze.

Officers attended just before 11.30pm on February 15 and found 15 cannabis plants.

Man of letters gets lyrical with move

Open mic finalist, The singing postman Nathan Farrell

THE Black Country's Singing Postman has delivered his last letter after he pledged to carve out a career in the music business. Nathan Farrell, aged 31, was crowned International Singer 2015 in the Open Mic International competition two years ago and was awarded a recording contract and a £10,000 prize.

But he carried on with the grinding daily five-hour trip delivering people's post in Pleck, Walsall – until Saturday.

He was spurred on to take the plunge and focus on singing full-time after the death of his grandmother earlier this month and completed his last post round at the weekend. The former postman delivered rounds around Walsall borough, Great Wyrley and Cheslyn Hay over 13 years and now plans to spend more time with partner Jayne, son Connor and daughters Casey and Chloe while performing and touring the country.

He said: "It was a very emotional day. It was quite strange really, especially posting the last letters and parcels. I never thought the day would come but now it's a reality it was really emotional."

Raider in attack on Pc during arrest bid

A POLICEMAN was punched in the face and two patrol cars rammed by a masked raider in a frantic bid for freedom, a court heard.

By John Scott

Banned driver Jamie Hopson – on bail for an unrelated offence – was at the wheel of a stolen Subaru Impreza that had been involved in a ram raid minutes earlier, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

The vehicle had also been spotted during a failed pub burglary, said Mr Edward Soulsby, prosecuting.

It was stolen from an address in Derby and given false number plates.

Hopson, aged 23, and at least two other men went on a crime spree in the vehicle two days later, starting at The Wheatsheaf in Walsall Road, Great Wyrley.

Mr Soulsby said: "There was a forced entry but the landlord lives on the premises and heard a loud noise. This alerted his dogs." The raiders fled empty-handed.

Soon afterwards the Subaru was used to smash open the shutters of Superdrug in Market Place, Willenhall.

Hopson and his colleagues grabbed £5,000 worth of perfume but a passer-by alerted police. Details were flashed to officers in the area, and the Impreza was stopped in Walsall Road. Hopson, wearing a white face mask, rammed the patrol car before reversing at speed into another one.

He could not break free, and its occupants ran off.

An officer who caught up with the defendant was punched in the face, suffering a cut lip, but managed to complete the arrest.

Mr Andrew Mitchinson, defending, said the spur to Hobson's offending was drugs but he was now 'clean'. Hobson, of Vaughan Road, Portobello, Wolverhampton, pleaded guilty to aggravated vehicle taking, two burglaries, driving while disqualified, dangerous driving and assaulting a constable. He was jailed for 30 months and banned from driving for three years, one month.

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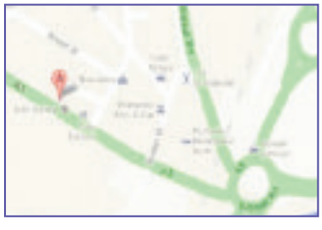

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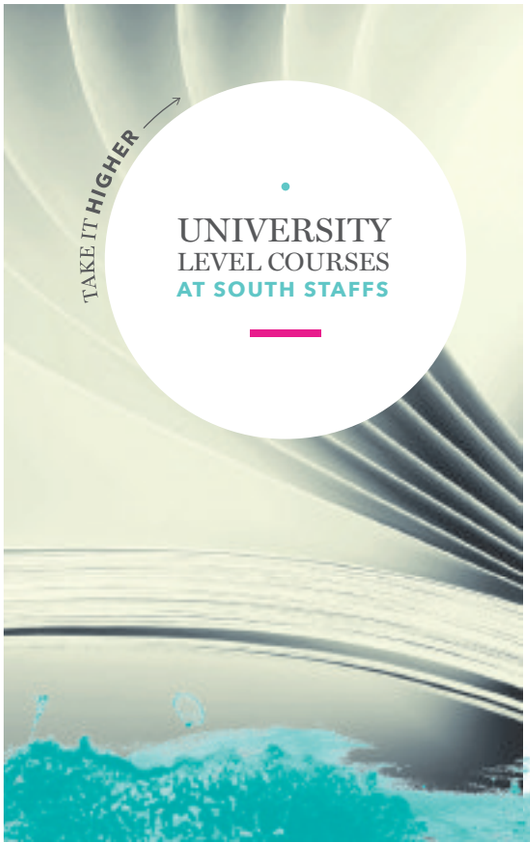

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Spit hoods will be carried by officers

Police officers in Staffordshire will all be issued with spit guards for protection

A MOVE to equip all police officers in Staffordshire with spit guards has been given the go-ahead – days after West Midlands Police announced it had no plans to use them.

All officers with Staffordshire Police will be provided with the equipment as personal issue to be carried on their utility belts after the move was backed by the county's Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis. The move was announced jointly by Mr Ellis and the force last weeky.

The mesh fabric hoods are placed over the heads of suspects to prevent spitting or biting.

Last week, a spokesman for West Midlands Police said there were no plans for the hoods, although West Midlands Police Federation chairman Tom Cuddeford said talks had taken place over their use. Staffordshire has previously made them available in police vehicles and custody blocks, but not to every officer as part of standard issue kit.

The PCC offered Chief Constable Jane Sawyers the funding to equip all officers with spit guards having listened to views expressed by each side of the debate. Mr Ellis said: "This subject has attracted some controversy nationally, but we should not ask officers to carry out their work in protecting the public without protecting them."

More jail staff as violence increases

TROUBLED prisons will take on an extra 50 recruits as part of a drive to cut down on 'unacceptable' violence.

HMP Featherstone and HMYOI Brinsford, the young offenders institute next door, could see staff numbers increase by over a fifth, according to figures on a government advert.

By Nathan Briant

The Howard League for Penal Reform reported last year that there were 96 prison officers at HMP Featherstone and another 145 at HMP Brinsford.

The 50 new recruits will be split between the two facilities and the prison service is particularly looking for ex-servicemen and women. Footage was posted online showing inmates at HMP Featherstone brawling as others looked on and cheered in a 'fight club'-style boxing match.

Ministry of Justice (MoJ) figures show in 2010 there were 66 recorded assaults at Featherstone but last year, that number had more than doubled to 144. HMYOI Brinsford recorded the most assaults in any Young Offender Institution in the country in 2015. There were 276 attacks on either staff or inmates over that year.

The National Offender Management Service is asking for applicants to apply for the £20,751-a-year jobs at the South Staffordshire prisons by February 28 but warns being an officer 'isn't for everyone'.

A Prison Service spokesperson said: "We have announced a major overhaul of the prison system, including 2,500 extra frontline officers. We are also introducing a new scheme to attract top graduates and former servicemen and women into the service."

Justice Secretary Liz Truss said levels of violence and self-harm in prisons was 'totally unacceptable'.

Duke of York hears of parents' safety drive

From left, Martyn and Beth Amison, Ashley Martin of RoSPA, and the Duke of York

PRINCE Andrew has met with a Hednesford couple who are campaigning about the dangers of nappy sacks after the death of their baby son.

"It helps me to do this sort of work. Sharing Maison's story keeps him alive for us," mother Beth Amison said after the royal engagement.

Beth and Martyn Amison explained to the Duke of York how the sacks were so thin and flimsy that one clung to seven-month-old Maison's face, preventing him from breathing, when they were out of the room.

It was the first time the toddler had stood up. He had reached for the sacks through the railings of his cot at their Lomax Road home.

Prince Andrew listened intently and asked what manufacturers were doing to prevent further tragedies.

The meeting took place at the Birmingham headquarters of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA), which is celebrating its centenary. The couple work with the charity to highlight the dangers of nappy sacks and other home hazards.

Beth, 24, said: "He seemed interested in everything we said. It's odd to think a prince knows about our little boy. I think he'd like to know he was famous."

She and 2Martyn, a Tesco assistant, have had three more children – daughter Taymer, three, 19-month-old Isaiah and Fabian, aged three months, whose second name is Maison.

They started working with RoSPA 10 months after Maison's death in 2013. Beth said: "We struggled to come to terms with what happened but then we heard of two more babies who had died in the same way and felt we had to do something to stop others suffering the same pain."

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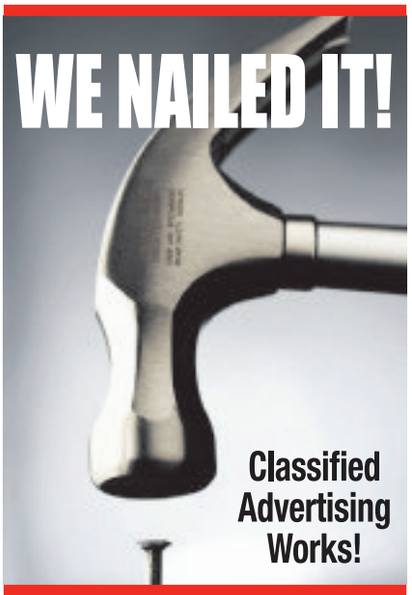

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Property prices in region rise £12k during a year

HOUSE prices in the West Midlands ended last year £12,000 higher on average than when the year started, an official report shows.

The typical property value in the region was £181,000, said the report produced by the Office for National Statistics with other bodies.

In Staffordshire, prices were up 5.7 per cent to an average £177,268 while in Stafford they were up four per cent to £191,447. In Cannock Chase, prices rose 5.7 per cent to £150,805.

Across the UK, price growth was strongest in England, where prices rose by 7.7 per cent over the year to December taking the average price to £236,000.

Wales saw prices increase by 4.7 per cent over the year to stand at £148,000. In Scotland, the average price increased by 3.5 per cent to £142,000 while in Northern Ireland the average price was £125,000 – an increase of 5.7 per cent.

Economy

House prices across the UK as a whole increased by 7.2 per cent in the year to December, accelerating from a 6.1 per cent rise in the year to November.

The biggest rise in prices was on the island of Shetland, where they rose 26.1 per cent to £179,000.

The biggest drop was in the city of Aberdeen, where prices fell 9.8 per cent to £168,000 as the local economy was hit by the slump in the offshore oil industry.

Across the English regions, price growth ranged from an 11.3 per cent increase in East Anglia to a 4.1 per cent rise in the North East, putting the 7.1 per cent rise across the West Midlands firmly in the middle ground. But there was wide variation in the West Midlands.

The biggest rises were in Wyre Forest and Kidderminster, where prices rose 10.4 per cent to an average of £175,063 while the lowest was 3.1 per cent in South Staffordshire, where the average house costs £208,478.

Raising a glass to move

Dave Eglington and Brenda Rhodes of the Wine Loft, with Loren Hardwick from Richmond Wine Agency

AN independent wine retailer has moved into larger premises.

Wolseley Wine Loft is now occupying a new shop a few metres from its original unit at The Barns antique and craft complex, in Wolseley Bridge.

Proprietor Brenda Rhodes said the move was 'crucial' for the ongoing growth of the business, which can now stock a more diverse range of wines and continental beers.

The shop is also licensed for on-site consumption of alcohol and can host intimate wine tasting events, allowing customers to enjoy a glass of wine or beer as they browse the selection. The loft is in its fourth year of trading.

Brenda said: "We've had so much fun over the past three years establishing and growing the loft, and expanding our wine knowledge along the way.

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A retired community midwife who was based at the former Wordsley Hospital, the bubbly 60-something-year-old is quick to affirm: "I love my new teeth and they look natural, don't they?"

Adding: "You can't tell they're not my own," Vicki admits her smile has not always been her favourite attribute. I've always had trouble with my teeth; even as a young girl they crumbled and my gums used to bleed. Even though I was diligent about looking after them, they still let me down," she adds.

Vicki Ball

Two years ago, Vicki finally lost her remaining teeth. "For 18 months I put up with ill-fitting and badly made dentures. My gums were always sore and I'd grown tired of living my life around my teeth. Vicki saw an article in her local newspaper about Steven Burchell Dip CDT RCS(Eng) and his work at the Denture Clinic and booked in.

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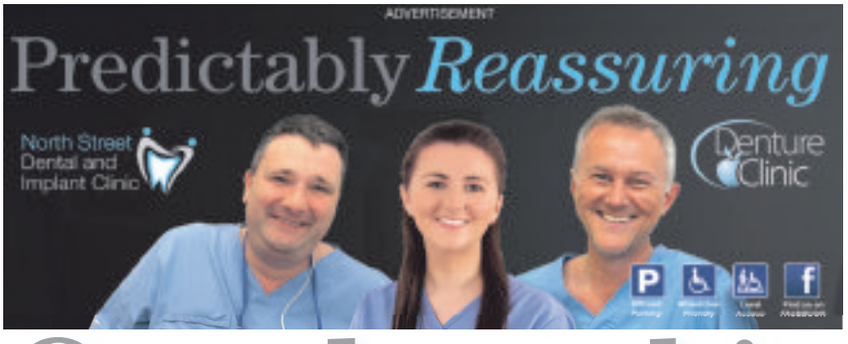

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Ricky ready to run riot at arena show

Straight-talking Ricky Wilson with the rest of the Kaiser Chiefs, ready to make a brilliant noise in Birmingham on Saturday

DON'T expect anything but honesty from one of rock 'n' roll's most successful frontmen of the past 10 years.

Kaiser Chiefs' singer Ricky Wilson is the epitome of a straight-talking, no-nonsense Yorkshireman.

If he were a cricketer, he'd be Geoffrey Boycott. Take their upcoming tour, calling in at Birmingham's Barclaycard Arena on Saturday.

For a band returning after a lay-off following their successful 2015 Education, Education, Education tour, you'd imagine maybe a few nerves.

"Well, with the shows, I've got this problem that I'm too ambitious," he said. "I'm always on to the next thing.

"To me, they're not big enough, I want them bigger. I want to do a bigger tour in the autumn."

The gigs come hot on the heels of their show-stealing 2016 headline slot at V, when they revealed to the other acts on the bill what a real festival band is made of. Ricky had a blast. "I thought it was brilliant. These days, there's not as many bands who can headline that sort of show."

The Leeds band's latest album, Stay Together, is unashamedly pop. Ricky, who became a household name thanks to his role as judge on the BBC run of The Voice UK, said: "Making an album is just about making 45 minutes of brilliant noise – think about it, that's all it is."

Soul sister's brand new act

ALEXANDRA BURKE does seem to have cornered the market in playing divas in peril.

After around two years in the role of Rachel Marron in The Bodyguard, she is now playing an equally iconic character on stage.

This time around though, it is a lead role that requires a lighter touch in the shape of Deloris Van Cartier, the sassy singer who witnesses a gangland murder and is placed out of harm's way in a convent.

Persuasion

Thus begins Sister Act, which is on at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre from Monday until Saturday, March 4 as part of a UK tour.

The revival has been directed and choreographed by Strictly Come Dancing's Craig Revel Horwood and wowed audiences at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre last year.

Alexandra admits she took a little bit of persuasion to bring Deloris to life, particularly as it meant stepping into the shoes of Whoopi Goldberg, who played Deloris in the movie.

She recalled: "I actually wasn't too sure about saying yes although it was a fantastic opportunity.

"I didn't know if I was made for the role. It was actually the soundtrack that made me say yes.

"The songs are just so beautiful and I thought it would be a privilege to sing them."

After winning The X Factor in 2008, her debut single Hallelujah was a massive hit. Concert tours, hit albums and West End success followed.

Alexandra is keen to create a new characterisation of Deloris and not just copy Whoopi Goldberg.

She said: "I always want to put my own spin and my own interpretation on anything that I do because that's my way.

"In fact, I have deliberately not watched the whole movie."

Visit www.grandtheatre.co.uk or call the box office on 01902 429212.

Rhythm sticks at ready for 40th anniversary

IT'S time to get your rhythm sticks out. The Blockheads are bringing Sex & Drugs & Rock & Roll to Bilston's Robin 2 tomorrow (Friday).

It's their 40th anniversary and they want to celebrate.

Formed in 1977 as the backing band for Ian Dury and his songwriting partner Chaz Jankel, they first hit the road with their iconic singer when debut album New Boots and Panties was released on Stiff Records.

Dury died in 2000 but The Blockheads carried on and are now fronted by Ian's friend and minder Derek 'The Draw' Hussey.

Tickets are £18 (advance) and £20 (door). Visit therobin.co.uk or call 01902 401211.

X marks the spot as TV pop stars roll in

THE X Factor Live Tour 2017 will roll into the West Midlands for a concert tomorrow (Friday) at the Genting Arena at the NEC.

Viewers' favourites from last year's show, which culminated in victory for Matt Terry in the live ITV final on December 11, will be taking to the stage.

The line-up will also include runner-up Saara Aalto, the notorious Honey G, boy band 5 After Midnight, Emily Middlemas, girl band Four of Diamonds, Ryan Lawrie and Sam Lavery.

The X Factor Live Tour, featuring finalists from the popular TV singing talent show, has been one of the most successful annual arena tours in the UK for the last 12 years.

Marley show already a hit before premiere

BIRMINGHAM Rep's new Bob Marley musical, One Love, is a hit even before it opens at the Centenary Square theatre next month.

Popular demand for tickets for the world premiere of the show about the life of the reggae legend is so great that its run has been extended by a week.

Written and directed by former Casualty and Holby City actor Kwame Kwei-Armah, One Love: The Bob Marley Musical will now run from March 10 to April 15.

Stuart Rogers, executive director at Birmingham Rep, said: "It seems to have captured the public's attention, with audiences booking from as far afield as Israel, Oslo, Madrid and Hamburg."

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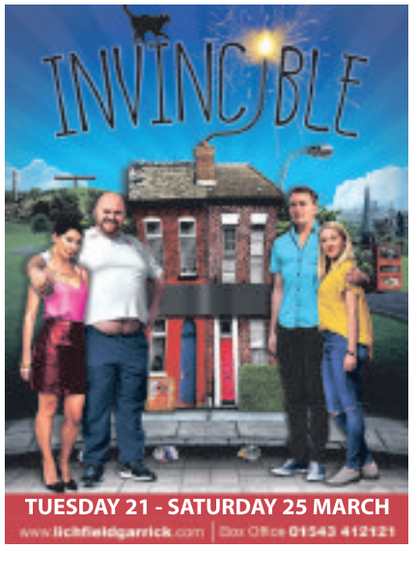

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Gary Barlow

Let It Shine
(BBC1, 6.45pm)
The battle of the boy bands is almost over as the three finalists take to the stage one last time, demonstrating their singing and dancing skills in the hope of winning the starring roles in Gary Barlow's new musical based on the music of Take That. He and his fellow panellists, Dannii Minogue, Martin Kemp and a special guest judge, will be giving their feedback, but this week the performers have to impress the viewers, as they're the ones who decide who comes out on top. As to who that will be – Graham Norton and Mel Giedroyc are the ones with the answer. Last in the series.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** The Little Paris Kitchen: Cooking with Rachel Khoo. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.00** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. Scotland v Wales (Kick-off 2.25pm). **4.30** Final Score. **5.10** BBC News. **5.20** Regional Programme. **5.30** Celebrity Mastermind. (R)

6.00 Pointless Celebrities. Toby Anstis and Jenni Falconer, Janice Long and Bob Harris, Peter White and Steve Punt, and Angie Greaves and Steve Penk take part. (R)

6.45 Let It Shine. The finalists take to the stage one last time in the hope of winning the starring roles in Gary Barlow's new musical. Hosted by Graham Norton and Mel Giedroyc. Last in the series.

8.25 Casualty. Steph, the woman responsible for Grace's hospitalisation, is rushed into the ER after attempting suicide in prison. The staff face an upward struggle in finding out what pills she has taken, one which is made all the more difficult by the patient's refusal to speak - and the cold distain of both Connie and Jacob. However, when it becomes clear Connie visited Steph in prison not long before she tried to claim her own life, things become even more complicated. Meanwhile, Iain helps Gem to get a job in the hospital coffee shop, and when Grace's continued silence is ruled as being a psychological issue, Sam decides it may be time to take her home.

9.15 Taboo. James Delaney confronts Sir Stuart Strange with the cold, hard truth, and plans his escape. However, the Crown has one final, deadly move to make. Last in the series.

10.15 BBC News; Weather.; National Lottery Update.

10.30 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Chelsea v Swansea City at Stamford Bridge and Hull City v Burnley at the KCOM Stadium.

11.50 This Country. The mockumentary continues as Kerry and Kurtan await the release of their uncle, Steve "Nugget" Nuggins, who they believe was wrongfully imprisoned for "having a laugh".

12.15 Film: Return from the River Kwai. (1988) **1.50** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.55** BBC News.

BBC2

8.10 Film: In Which We Serve. (1942) **10.00** Britain's Secret Seas. (R) **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** Two Greedy Italians: Still Hungry. (R) **1.00 Film:** Waterloo. (1970) Historical drama, starring Rod Steiger. **3.10** Natural World. (R) **4.00** Mastermind. (R) **4.30** University Challenge. (R) **5.00** Only Connect. (R) **5.30** The House That £100K Built. (R)

6.30 Flog It! Will Axon and Michael Baggot value items in Ashbourne, Derbyshire, including a pearlware cow and an Asprey and Co picnic set, while Paul Martin experiences harness racing. (R)

7.30 Grand Tours of the Scottish Islands. Paul Murton journeys around the coast of the Long Island of Harris and Lewis, beginning on Scarp, travelling north to Great Bernera, then south east to Scalpay.

8.00 Diana: Designing a Princess. Brenda Emmanus explores the stories behind some of the most exquisite dresses owned by Diana, Princess of Wales, some of which are on display in an exhibition at Kensington Palace.

8.30 Dad's Army. An invasion alert throws Mainwaring's hopeless would-be heroes into a panic, leading one half of the platoon to launch an attack on the other. (R)

9.00 Film: My Old Lady. (2014) Premiere. A penniless New Yorker hopes to turn his fortunes around by selling his dead father's flat in Paris, only to find an eccentric elderly Englishwoman is living there – and under French law, he cannot sell until after she dies. As he gets to know his unexpected tenant, he discovers a side to his father that he never know. Comedy drama based on director Israel Horovitz's stage play, starring Maggie Smith, Kevin Kline and Kristin Scott Thomas.

10.45 QI XL. Stephen Fry hosts an extended version of the quiz with a difference, with guests Matt Lucas, Lucy Porter and Ross Noble joining regular panellist Alan Davies.

11.30 Film: Albert Nobbs. (2011) A woman living in disguise as a man in 19th-century Ireland decides to find a wife after a meeting with a fellow cross-dresser. Drama, with Glenn Close and Mia Wasikowska.

1.15 Film: Youth Without Youth. (2007) **3.15** This Is BBC Two.

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6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! **10.00** Britain's Secret Seas. (R) **6.25** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Sooty. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Oddbods. (R) **7.05** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: Teen Titans Go! (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Bear Grylls Survival School. **9.05** Scrambled!: Adventure Time. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Alphabetical. (R) **10.25** Guess This House. (R) **11.25** Off Their Rockers. (R) **11.55** ITV News; Weather. **12.00 Film:** Free Willy 2: The Adventure Home. (1995) Family adventure, starring Jason James Richter. **1.50** Tipping Point. (R) **2.50** The Chase. (R) **3.50** Regional Programme ; Weather.**4.00** ITV News; Weather. **4.15** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. Ireland v France (Kick-off 4.50pm).

7.00 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway. New series. The award-winning presenter duo's weekend variety show returns, and this year, the pair have recruited Gogglebox star and I'm A Celebrity 2016 winner Scarlett Moffatt to become their new co-host. Ant and Dec have teased they have a very big role for Scarlett to fill in the first show, one that involves a very public stunt that could see her reach new heights – literally. The Geordie twosome prank Jamie Oliver in the first of this year's Undercover features, and The Voice UK coach Jennifer Hudson stars in the End of the Show Show. Also beginning tonight is The Missing Crown Jewels, Ant and Dec's follow-up to Who Shot Simon Cowell?, last year's comedy sketch whodunit. Emilia Fox is back to head up the investigation, as more celebrity guests are lined up as potential culprits in another mad-cap crime caper.

8.30 The Voice UK. The talent contest moves into the Battle phase, in which Tom Jones, Will.i.am, Gavin Rossdale and Jennifer Hudson are expected to shape their protégés into their pop icons.

10.30 ITV News; Weather.

10.45 Film: The Boat That Rocked. (2009) Richard Curtis's comedy, with Bill Nighy and Philip Seymour Hoffman.

1.10 Jackpot247. **3.00** Who's Doing the Dishes? (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.20 Mobil 1 The Grid. **6.45** The King of Queens. (R) **7.10** The King of Queens. (R) **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.00** The Simpsons. (R) **11.30** The Simpsons. (R) **12.00** Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast. (R) **1.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **1.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **2.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **2.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **3.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **3.30** A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun. (R) **4.30** Location, Location, Location. (R) **5.35** Grand Designs. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Penelope Keith's Favourite Villages. The actress travels around Britain visiting villages in different parts of the country, and discovers how people's attitudes have changed to these small communities. Her trip takes her to villages in Devon, Cornwall, Scotland and the Lake District, with the help of insights from the illustrated 1930s Batsford Guides. (R)

8.00 Great Canal Journeys. Timothy West and Prunella Scales venture into the open sea as they make their way through the islands of Scotland's coast. Their destination is the rarely used nine-mile Crinan canal on the Mull of Kintyre, described as the world's most beautiful shortcut. However, the Atlantic waves off the coast of Mull force them to head inland to Tobermory. They later explore the holy island of Iona and the Isle of Jura. (R)

9.00 Film: Dawn of the Planet of the Apes. (2014) Premiere. A colony of super-intelligent apes thrives following a global virus outbreak that wipes out much of the human race. A survivor tries to make peace with the leader of the apes, but their efforts to reach an understanding are threatened by warmongers on both sides. Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Andy Serkis, Jason Clarke and Gary Oldman.

11.35 Film: Surrogates. (2009) Sci-fi thriller, with Bruce Willis and Radha Mitchell.

1.15 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. (R) **2.05** Hollyoaks. **4.15** Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free. (R) **4.25** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.05** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.40** Access. **10.45** Police Interceptors Unleashed. (R) **11.15** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.15** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.15** Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole. (R) **2.15** Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole. (R) **3.15** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **4.15** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **5.15** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. (R)

6.10 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Paul Bohill and Steve Pinner face some tough decisions when they are given the task of repossessing a house in which a woman is living with two young children. (R)

7.05 NCIS: Los Angeles. The team hunts for an electromagnetic pulse device that was stolen from a college research facility, and could destroy Los Angeles if activated, killing millions of people.

8.00 NCIS. DiNozzo is reunited with his old flame, Jeanne Benoit, when insurgents in Sudan kidnap her doctor husband. Crime drama, guest starring Scottie Thompson.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship. George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce highlights from the weekend's Championship games, including Leeds United v Sheffield Wednesday in a huge Yorkshire derby at Elland Road. Plus, action from Aston Villa v Derby County at Villa Park, Barnsley v Huddersfield Town at Oakwell and Newcastle United v Bristol City at St James' Park.

10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush. George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce all the goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two, including AFC Wimbledon v Walsall and Bristol Rovers v Scunthorpe United.

10.30 Stealing the Mona Lisa. This episode looks back to 1911, when one of the most famous pieces of art across the globe, the Mona Lisa, was stolen from the Louvre museum in Paris.

11.30 Police Interceptors Unleashed. Officers take on a crook who has devised a crafty scheme to get something for nothing, while PC Barry Peach is confronted by a foul-mouthed pensioner. (R)

12.00 SuperCasino. **3.10** That's So 1985. (R) **4.00** Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun. (R) **4.50** House Doctor. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Indian Hill Railways **8.00** Timeshift: The People's Liners – Britain's Lost Pleasure Fleets **9.00** Treasures of Ancient Egypt **10.00** Timewatch: Captain Cook – The Man Behind the Legend **11.00** Top of the Pops: 1983 **12.05** Arena: Loretta Lynn – Still a Mountain Girl **1.35** Country Kings at the BBC **2.35** Country Queens at the BBC **3.35** Sounds of the Seventies **3.50** Pop Go the Sixties **3.55** Close

ITV2
11.10 Ninja Warrior UK **12.10** Take Me Out **1.25** The Brit Awards 2017 **3.55 Film:** Step Up 3 (2010) **4.55** FYI Daily **5.00 Film:** Step Up 3 (2010) **6.05 Film:** Jack and Jill (2011) **7.05** FYI Daily **7.10 Film:** Jack and Jill (2011) **8.00** Scorpion **9.00 Film:** American Pie (1999) **10.10** FYI Daily **10.15 Film:** American Pie (1999) **11.00** Family Guy **12.25** American Dad! **12.55 Film:** Couples Retreat (2009) **1.55** FYI Daily **2.00 Film:** Couples Retreat (2009) **3.00** Teleshopping

ITV3
1.05 Film: Carry On Cleo (1964) **2.10** FYI Daily **2.15 Film:** Carry On Cleo (1964) **3.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **5.05** Midsomer Murders **11.00** Carry On Forever **12.00** Wycliffe **1.05** Marchlands **2.05** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4
11.00 Storage Wars: Texas **12.00** Pawn Stars **1.30** ITV Racing: Live from Kempton. Coverage of today's race meetings at Kempton Park, Lingfield Park and Newcastle. **4.00 Film:** The Cimarron Kid (1952) **5.00** FYI Daily **5.05 Film:** The Cimarron Kid (1952) **5.45** Storage Wars **6.45** Live Snooker Shoot-Out. **11.00 Film:** Red Heat (1988) **12.00** FYI Daily **12.05 Film:** Red Heat (1988) **1.05** River Monsters **2.00** Gunsmoke **2.55** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4
1.15 Film: Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (2009) **3.00 Film:** St Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold (2009) **5.05** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** Paul (2011) **11.05** Gogglebox **12.10** Celebs Go Dating **2.20** Gap Year **3.15** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **4.00** Baby Daddy **4.45** Revenge

Film4
11.00 The Violent Men (1955) **12.55** Cutthroat Island (1995) **3.15** Carry On Cabby (1963) **5.00** Mr Popper's Penguins (2011) **6.45** The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (2010) **9.00** Pitch Perfect (2012) **11.15** It Follows (2014) **1.20** The Sixth Sense (1999) **3.35** Close

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SS-GB
(BBC1, 9pm)
Archer rushes to the rescue after learning of a resistance plan to kidnap his son. But he is trailed every step of the way by Huth and may be placing the boy in even greater danger. Harry feels betrayed when he finds out that Archer kept the tip-off from Sylvia a secret from him, and expresses his unease about trusting the inexperienced Jimmy with an important case. Archer finds himself morally torn as Huth demands his help in crushing the resistance, who have a plan to free the country from occupation at a terrible price.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **2.15** Flog It! (R) **3.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.00** Songs of Praise. **4.35** Shop Well for Less? (R) **5.35** BBC News. **5.50** Regional Programme.

6.00 The Big Painting Challenge. Mariella Frostrup and Richard Coles bring the contestants to Whipsnade Zoo to paint the animals, giving them a chance to demonstrate their ability to capture a sense of a living creature. The first challenge involves flamingos, which have a body shape that is harder to depict than it seems. The artists are then challenged to paint elephants, before the public panel vote for their favourite.

7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker and Ellie Harrison present the show from the Isle of Man. Matt takes a ride on the world's only remaining horse-drawn tram, while Ellie explores the ruins of ancient homesteads from the island's agricultural past and bakes bread using traditional Manx methods. Adam Henson trains a new working dog for his farm and Tom Heap reports on the banning of second homes in Cornwall. Including weather for the week ahead.

8.00 Call the Midwife. Valerie treats a pregnant Somali woman who has undergone female genital circumcision, but who goes into hiding when the Nonnatus Team arrange for her to go into hospital.

9.00 SS-GB. Archer rushes to the rescue after learning of a resistance plan to kidnap his son. But he is trailed every step of the way by Huth and may be placing the boy in even greater danger.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You. Stephen Mangan hosts an extended edition of the quiz, with UKIP parliamentary spokesperson Suzanne Evans and comedian Henning Wehn joining Ian Hislop and Paul Merton. (R)

11.15 American High School.

12.00 The Celebrity Apprentice USA. **1.20** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.25** BBC News.

BBC2

6.15 Big Dreams Small Spaces. (R) **7.15** An Island Parish: Anguilla. (R) **7.45** Around the World in 80 Gardens. (R) **8.45** Countryfile. (R) **9.45** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.15** Nigel Slater's Dish of the Day. (R) **11.45** Nigellissima. (R) **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** Holiday of My Lifetime with Len Goodman. (R) **1.30** Money for Nothing. (R) **2.15** Wanted Down Under Revisited. (R) **3.00** Birds of Paradise: The Ultimate Quest. (R) **4.00** Bobsleigh and Skeleton World Championships.

6.00 Six Nations Rugby Union. John Inverdale introduces action from the third weekend of the tournament, featuring Scotland v Wales at Murrayfield, England v Italy at Twickenham and Ireland v France at the Aviva Stadium.

7.00 Dragons' Den: Pitches to Riches. Richard Osman presents a look back at some of the most memorable contestants to appear on the business ideas show, and discovers what success they have enjoyed since making their pitch to the panel. Peter Jones pays a visit to celebrity chef Levi Roots, whose company Reggae Reggae Sauce became a success through his appearance on the show, while Deborah Meaden is reunited with Jordan Daykin, the youngest ever contestant to secure the backing of a Dragon, to discover if he has fulfilled his potential as an entrepreneur. (R)

8.00 Dragons' Den. The panel assess the profit-making potential of a Welsh delicacy, a male fragrance, and a food delivery service for Michelin star restaurants. With Evan Davis. Last in the series.

9.00 Special Forces – Ultimate Hell Week. The remaining recruits arrive in France to receive training with an elite tactical unit of the French police, where they face psychological and strategic challenges.

10.00 Film: Life of Crime. (2013) Premiere. Two criminals kidnap the wife of a corrupt real-estate tycoon, only to discover he is not willing to pay their ransom demand. Comedy, with Jennifer Aniston and Mos Def.

11.35 Women's Six Nations Highlights. Eilidh Barbour presents action from the third round of fixtures.

12.05 Film: Badlands. (1973) **1.35** Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) **2.35** Holby City. (R) **3.30** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! **6.25** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Sooty. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Oddbods. (R) **7.05** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **7.30** Scrambled! **7.35** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.50** Ultimate Spider-Man: Web Warriors. **8.20** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.45** Teen Titans Go! (R) **9.05** Adventure Time. (R) **9.25** Countrywise: Guide to Britain. (R) **10.00** Peston on Sunday. **10.55** Who's Doing the Dishes? (R) **11.55** ITV News; Weather. **12.00** The Voice UK. (R) **2.00** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. England v Italy (Kick-off 3.00pm). **5.30** Regional Programme ; Weather.**5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 Unbelievable Moments Caught on Camera. Alastair Stewart presents a second selection of extraordinary footage, including wakeboarders enjoying a memorable encounter with dolphins off the coast of Mexico, a stuntman who became the first person to land a wingsuit without a parachute, and a motorcyclist who was rescued after getting trapped beneath a burning car. Plus, footage of a tornado and a wedding at 30,000 feet.

7.00 The Voice UK. The second night of the Battles phase, in which the singers have to impress coaches Tom Jones, will.i.am, Gavin Rossdale and Jennifer Hudson to remain in the contest. Each of the coaches are given the chance to save any acts they believe shouldn't have been knocked out of the contest in the forthcoming head-to-head sing-offs.

9.00 The Good Karma Hospital. A medical case becomes personal for Ram as he prepares to attend a wedding, while Ruby treats a patient from the UK whose story does not add up.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.20 Peston on Sunday. Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston, with ITV News National Editor Allegra Stratton. (R)

11.20 Phillip Schofield's South African Adventure. In the first of three programmes, Phillip Schofield and wife Steph visit South Africa, where the pair admire Cape Town and Phillip gets to see a great white shark. (R)

11.50 The Cube. (R)

12.45 Jackpot247. **3.00** Chopping Block. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 The King of Queens. (R) **6.40** The King of Queens. (R) **7.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Simpsons. (R) **1.00** The Simpsons. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons. (R) **2.00** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) **3.00** Location, Location, Location. (R) **4.00** Channel 4 News. **4.30 Film:** 101 Dalmatians. (1996) Disney comedy adventure remake, starring Glenn Close.

6.30 The Jump. The remaining contestants compete in two different disciplines. First, they face a speed ski challenge, the results of which will determine the line-up for the second event – the relatively new winter sport of ski cross, in which they will navigate a winding course of sprints, drops, rollers and banks. Presented by Davina McCall.

8.00 Rivers with Jeremy Paxman. New series. The presenter and fishing enthusiast travels along four of England's greatest rivers, exploring their history, traditions and wildlife. The first episode follows the Tweed along the English-Scottish border, where he helps to shear Cheviot sheep, tags osprey chicks, goes in search of Merlin's grave and discovers the origins of famous border ballads.

9.00 Homeland. Keane ends up left on the sidelines, while Carrie finds her work is starting to impact on her home life.

10.00 Gogglebox. The amateur critics share their opinions on what they have been watching during the week as the popular series returns for its ninth run. (R)

11.00 Film: Clear and Present Danger. (1994) A CIA analyst is caught up in the Colombian drug trade as he hunts the terrorists who killed a friend of the US president. Action thriller, with Harrison Ford and Willem Dafoe.

1.30 The Last Leg. A comic review of the past seven days. (R) **2.30** Hoarder SOS. Experts persuade a Cambridgeshire woman to part with piles of perfume bottles. (R) **3.25** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. Homeowners stuck in properties they cannot sell. (R) **4.20** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. (R) **4.40** Four in a Bed. The week's winner is announced. (R) **5.10** Fifteen to One. General knowledge quiz, hosted by Sandi Toksvig. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.10** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.15** Milkshake! Bop Box. (R) **6.20** Paw Patrol. (R) **6.30** Bob the Builder. (R) **6.45** Fireman Sam. (R) **6.55** Rupert Bear. (R) **7.05** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.10** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **7.20** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **7.40** Little Princess. (R) **7.55** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.10** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.35** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.35** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.45** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **10.05** Seaside Antics. (R) **10.10** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.45** Football on 5: The Championship. (R) **11.40** Football on 5: Goal Rush. (R) **12.10** Inside Windsor Castle. (R) **1.10** Secrets of the National Trust with Alan Titchmarsh. (R) **2.10 Film:** No Reservations. (2007) Romantic comedy, with Catherine Zeta-Jones and Aaron Eckhart. **4.10 Film:** Bride Wars. (2009) Comedy, starring Kate Hudson and Anne Hathaway. **5.55** 5 News Weekend.

6.00 Film: The Fifth Element. (1997) In the 23rd century, the world faces destruction from a seemingly unstoppable force of pure evil. Meanwhile, a New York cab driver encounters a mysterious woman destined to save the Earth from its fate, and has to protect her from a scheming arms dealer and a horde of alien mercenaries. Luc Besson's sci-fi adventure, starring Bruce Willis, Milla Jovovich and Gary Oldman. Edited for language and nudity.

8.15 The EFL Cup Final Highlights: Football on 5. Manchester United v Southampton. Action from the showpiece match, as Jose Mourinho's Red Devils met Claude Puel's Saints at Wembley Stadium.

9.00 Film: Olympus Has Fallen. (2013) A disgraced secret service agent tries to redeem himself when terrorists take control of the White House. Action thriller, starring Gerard Butler, Aaron Eckhart and Morgan Freeman. Includes 5 News Update at 10pm.

11.15 Film: The Terminator. (1984) A cyborg from the future is sent back in time to kill a woman whose unborn son is destined to save the human race. Sci-fi thriller, with Arnold Schwarzenegger.

1.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** Secrets of the National Trust with Alan Titchmarsh. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Sound of Song **8.00** South Downs: England's Mountains Green **9.00 Film:** Two Days, One Night (2014) **10.30 Film:** Hockney (2014) **12.15** Treasures of the Louvre **1.45** Order and Disorder with Jim Al-Khalili **2.45** South Downs: England's Mountains Green **3.45** Close

ITV2
1.00 2Awesome: 2Awesome **1.10** 2Awesome: Guidance **1.45** 2Awesome: Fame High **2.05** 2Awesome: Third Wheel **2.35** 2Awesome: LA Story **2.50** The Hot Desk: Jonas Blue **3.05 Film:** The Smurfs 2 (2013) **4.05** FYI Daily **4.10 Film:** The Smurfs 2 (2013) **5.10** Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway **6.45 Film:** Kindergarten Cop (1990) **7.45** FYI Daily **7.50 Film:** Kindergarten Cop (1990) **9.00** Ibiza Weekender **10.00** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **12.30** The Cleveland Show **1.25** Ibiza Weekender **2.15** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3
3.10 Film: Carry On Girls (1973) **4.10** FYI Daily **4.15 Film:** Carry On Girls (1973) **5.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **7.00** Midsomer Murders **9.00** Tonight at the London Palladium **10.00** Carry On Forever **11.05 Film:** Carry On Cleo (1964) **12.10** FYI Daily **12.15 Film:** Carry On Cleo (1964) **1.00** Inspector Morse **2.55** May the Best House Win **4.35** On the Buses **5.20** ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4
11.45 Live Snooker Shoot-Out. **4.00** Pawn Stars **4.30** The Car Chasers **5.25** World Cup Top Goalscorers **5.45** Live Snooker Shoot-Out. **10.00 Film:** Total Recall (2012) **11.00** FYI Daily **11.05 Film:** Total Recall (2012) **12.15 Film:** From Dusk Till Dawn (1996) **1.15** FYI Daily **1.20 Film:** From Dusk Till Dawn (1996) **2.15** Hogan's Heroes **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4
12.05 Coach Trip: Road to Marbs: Final Week **1.15** The Jump **2.55** The Goldbergs **4.25** The Big Bang Theory **6.55 Film:** Men in Black 3 (2012) **9.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **10.00 Film:** Red (2010) **12.15** Celebs Go Dating **3.10** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **3.55** Hollyoaks

Film4
11.00 The Colditz Story (1954) **1.00** Percy Jackson & the Lightning Thief (2010) **3.15** Spy Kids 4: All the Time in the World (2011) **4.55** 12 Angry Men (1957) **6.50** The Three Musketeers (2011) **9.00** GI Joe: Retaliation (2013) **11.10** Killing Them Softly (2012) **1.00** The Running Man (1987) **3.05** Close

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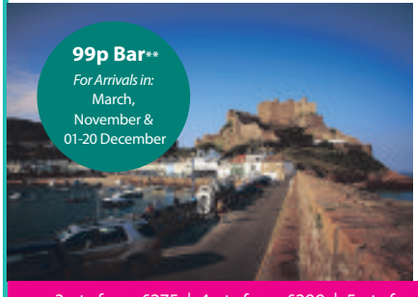

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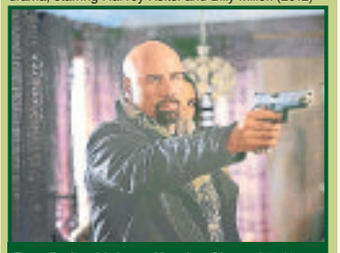
FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
From Paris with Love, Channel 5, 10pm
An aide at the American embassy in Paris longs to become a CIA agent, but gets more than he bargained for when he is assigned to assist an trigger-happy secret service operative. The agent leads him on a dangerous journey through the city's underworld as they fight to prevent a terrorist attack on the city. Action thriller, with John Travolta. (2010)

TUESDAY
Dear Diary, I Died, Channel 5, 3.15pm
Premiere. When a college student appears to have committed suicide, her sister tries to uncover the secrets behind her death. Thriller, starring Katherine Kelly Lang. (2016)

WEDNESDAY
Fatal Honeymoon, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A woman goes on honeymoon to Australia, only to drown during a scuba-diving trip to the Great Barrier Reef. Her father is not convinced this was an accident, and begins to suspect her husband may have murdered her. A year later, he finally finds the evidence to prove his accusation. Fact-based crime drama, starring Harvey Keitel and Billy Miller. (2012)



From Paris with Love, Monday, Channel 5, 10pm

THURSDAY
A Date to Die For, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A recent divorcee, suffering from bipolar disorder, accepts a date with a single father. The next morning, she awakens to find her date's dead body in her bed, a knife plunged in his chest. Trying to piece together her memories of the previous night, she sets out to defend her reputation and the lives of her family by locating the killer herself. Thriller, starring Victoria Pratt. (2015)

FRIDAY
Zero Dark Thirty, Channel 4, 12.55am
A CIA operative joins a team of intelligence and military operatives in the aftermath of the September 11 attacks. She spends the next 10 years searching for information on the whereabouts of Osama bin Laden, ultimately leading to the final raid on the terrorist leader's hideout. Kathryn Bigelow's fact-based drama, starring Jessica Chastain. (2012)

Duo find they have one final case to solve

It's the beginning of the end…

Once this, the third series of Broadchurch, reaches its conclusion, there will be no more.

The show's writer and creator, Chris Chibnall, is off to pastures new, to take over as showrunner of Doctor Who, while the stars are… well, who knows? But one thing is for sure - all of them are bound to be in demand.

"When Chris Chibnall first sent me the script for the opening episode of Broadchurch six years ago, I was struck by one defining element," claims executive producer Jane Featherstone. "I loved the characters, I loved the beauty of the world, I loved the powerful whodunit narrative, but above all I loved the way it explored a small-town community in such depth.

"Chris' intention was always to inhabit a space which meant we could stay with our characters and our town after the crime has happened, to really examine the long-term effects of a tragic incident on a community. Our characters had lives before we joined them and they will continue to exist after we have gone."

The final run begins three years on from the events of the previous series, and five years from when we first met the residents.

"There is a bold new crime story which forces us to ask whether the town has a crack running through it caused by Danny Latimer's death; is this new crime somehow the long-term legacy of that dark moment?" says Featherstone. "Our central characters must contend with this possibility as they battle to make hope, friendship and love triumph over fear and suspicion, as a host of new suspects present themselves.

"The great privilege of long-form storytelling is building a meaningful relationship between our characters and the audience and I am excited for the audience to see how Ellie, Hardy and the Latimers have fared in the last few years. It is a fond farewell for those of us involved in the series for so many years, but as far as I am concerned, the community of Broadchurch will carry on living long after we've gone."

Olivia Colman, David Tennant, Jodie Whittaker and Andy Buchan are all back again, bolstered by Julie Hesmondhalgh, Sarah Parish, Lenny Henry, Mark Bazeley, Georgina Campbell, Charlie Higson and Roy Hudd.

In the opening episode, Ellie (Colman) and Hardy (Tennant) are called out to attend to Trish Winterman (Hesmondhalgh), who has reported a serious sexual assault. It's clear she has been raped, but cannot tell the police where the attack happened, or who carried it out.

A clue found at Trish's home eventually leads them to the crime scene, but it's a difficult and unusual setting – and one that proves difficult for the forensics team to work in. But, perhaps more disturbing than anything else, is the fact that evidence suggests it was not an opportunistic act, but rather a cold, calculated and planned one.

Hardy considers the theory that once again, a serious sexual predator is at large in the otherwise sleepy coastal town – and may strike again at any moment.

Olivia Colman and David Tennant star in Broadchurch, Monday, ITV, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
The 2,000,000 Calorie Buffet
Channel 4, 10pm
For some of us, just seeing that title makes us salivate. The idea of being able to tuck into a banquet of lovely nosh without having to hold back or stop, even if our insides are at bursting point, is something we dream of. It's almost a challenge too – to find out who can consume the most at one sitting. The concept of an all-you-can-eat buffet is thought to have originated in Las Vegas, but they are now a growing phenomenon on this side of the Atlantic too, but who benefits from such an approach – the customers or the restaurants desperate to pull in the punters? We're about to find out courtesy of this documentary, which takes viewers into the heart of three eateries whose managers are wondering if adopting the service was really a good idea.

TUESDAY
The Replacement
BBC1, 9pm
Morven Christie stars in a new three-part thriller about a woman who fears she is losing her identity – but is that because she's about to become a mother, or is someone genuinely out to steal her life? Architect Ellen (Christie) discovers she's pregnant shortly after winning a big contract for her firm. She hires Paula (Vicky McClure) as maternity cover, but becomes uneasy when the new recruit dismisses Ellen's plans to return to work in a couple of months, insisting that she will want to spend more time with her baby. As Paula ingratiates herself with Ellen's bosses, clients and even her friends, the mum-to-be starts to fear that her new employee plans to become her permanent replacement. Everyone else puts Ellen's concerns down to a mix of paranoia and pregnancy, but then a terrible accident strikes the firm.

WEDNESDAY
Little Big Shots
ITV, 8pm
Dawn French presents this new series which gives a platform to some of the world's most talented children, without forcing them to be subjected to any judges or a telephone vote. Instead, they get to have a nice, friendly chat with Dawn before showing off their incredible skills, which can range from cooking to a flair for spelling. In the first episode, we meet ballroom and Latin dancing sensations Joshua and Kerry, 9, from Ireland, as well as gifted pianist Leo, 8, from Manchester. We're also introduced to three remarkable seven-year-olds; Balang, from the Philippines, who shows us how he became an internet dance sensation, football fanatic Braydon from Warrington, and London-based kung-Fu warrior Junayde. There's also music courtesy of 10-year-old Norwegian jazz sensation Angelina.

The Replacement, Tuesday, BBC1, 9pm

THURSDAY
Prime Suspect 1973
ITV, 9pm
It was first announced back in 2015 and has taken almost two years to reach us, but will this prequel to Lynda La Plante's much-loved crime drama series be worth the wait? Early signs are good; the period detail is intact and the cast look impressive. The original programme turned Helen Mirren into a household name thanks to her portrayal of hard-bitten detective Jane Tennison; Doctor Thorne star Stefanie Martini will have big shoes to fill when she takes over the role, playing Tennison as a 22-year-old WPC straight out of training and onto the streets of Hackney. She suffers sexism everywhere she turns, but looks set to make her mark when she is assigned to her first murder case, which involves the death of a teenage girl. Sam Reid and Blake Harrison also appear.

FRIDAY
Live Athletics: European Indoor Championships
BBC2, 3pm
Gabby Logan presents coverage of the second session on day one from the Kombank Arena in Belgrade, Serbia, where medals are awarded in five events. Katarina Johnson-Thompson concludes her bid to retain the pentathlon title when she competes in the long jump and 800m, while the other finals taking place are in the men's pole vault and 60m hurdles, and the women's shot put and 60m hurdles. With commentary and analysis from Steve Backley, Steve Cram, Colin Jackson, Denise Lewis and Paula Radcliffe.

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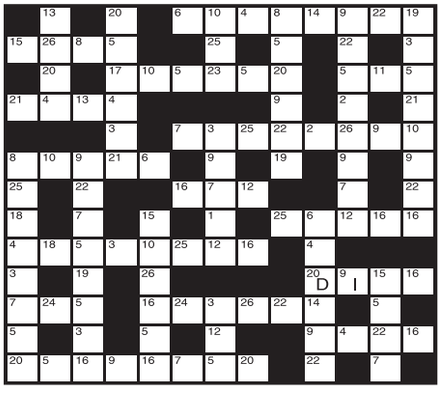

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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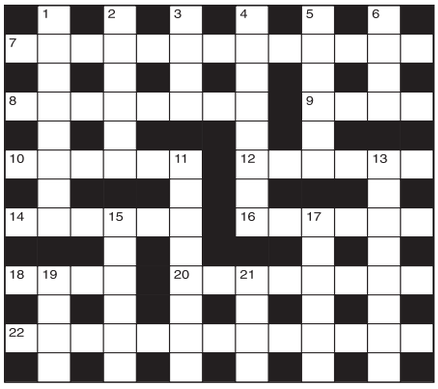
Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

7. A fitting description, as a rule (4,2,7)
8. Placed in a grave position (8)
9. A particular variation of time (4)
10. It's hot to the tongue, and cold to the ear (6)
12. After all, it is very new (6)
14. Added zest in the kitchen (6)
16. His map is spoiled by accident (6)
18. The odd dose of poetry? (4)
20. He won't expect to be taken seriously when working (8)
22. Are friends and succeed in a joint enterprise (3,2,8)

Down

1. It must honour its pledges (4,4)
2. Make something known about calf meat (6)
3. Number who sound as though they approve (4)
4. Part of a movement set to swing time (8)
5. A fool it's wrong to help (6)
6. Let out for no rent (4)
11. Show I can edit afresh (8)
13. One who makes predictions about a distant traveller (8)
15. It's regular trade practice (6)
17. Teased about being placid (6)
19. Special fare for a conference (4)
21. They gave original Christmas gifts, showing some imagination (4)

Quick Clues:

Across

7. Moody (13)
8. Gloomy (8)
9. Part (4)
10. Cask (6)
12. Split (6)
14. Decrease (6)
16. Piping (6)
18. Couple (4)
20. Easily frightened (8)
22. Additional (13)

Down

1. Adjust (8)
2. Seem (6)
3. Press (4)
4. Tacit (8)
5. False (6)
6. Lament (4)
11. Extend (8)
13. Front line (8)
15. Streak (6)
17. Scold (6)
19. Adjoin (4)
21. Submissive (4)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Idea; 8 Drummed out; 9 Abstract; 10 Earn; 12 Nearly; 14 Yields; 15 Parkas; 17 Litter; 18 Lean; 19 Rosemary; 21 Fall asleep; 22 Sage. Down: 2 Double datet; 3 Adit; 4 Queasy; 5 Smithy; 6 Adherent; 7 Eton; 11 Red herring; 13 Rekindle; 16 Stress; 17 Listen; 18 Left; 20 Maps.
QUICK - Across: 1 High; 8 Ameliorate; 9 Material; 10 Copy; 12 Fickle; 14 Report; 15 Abject; 17 Rather; 18 Mean; 19 Intimate; 21 Persuasive; 22 Tend. Down: 2 Invariable; 3 Hale; 4 Device; 5 Killer; 6 Crackpot; 7 Deny; 11 Perfection; 13 Keenness; 16 Tribal; 17 Retain; 18 Mope; 20 Meet.

Quiz

1. Which people's word for a European means 'the big eyebrows'?
2. Who starred as Hannibal Lecter in Silence of the Lambs?
3. Which two countries originally contested the Ryder Cup?
4. Of which beetle is the wireworm the larva?
5. What is a mountain lion or cougar more correctly called?
6. Who regained the world heavyweight boxing championship after more than 20 years in 1994?
7. In which country was the first Women's Institute group founded in 1897?
8. Who is the only US president to have been elected for four consecutive terms?
9. Of which country have there been three king Victor Emmanuels?
10. Who succeeded Bobby Fischer as world chess champion in 1975?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 African wildcat; 2 Yashmak; 3 Sister Act; 4 Rio de Janeiro; 5 Michael Heseltine; 6 Terracotta; 7 Marsupial; 8 Finland; 9 Robert Powell; 10 Pear tree.

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Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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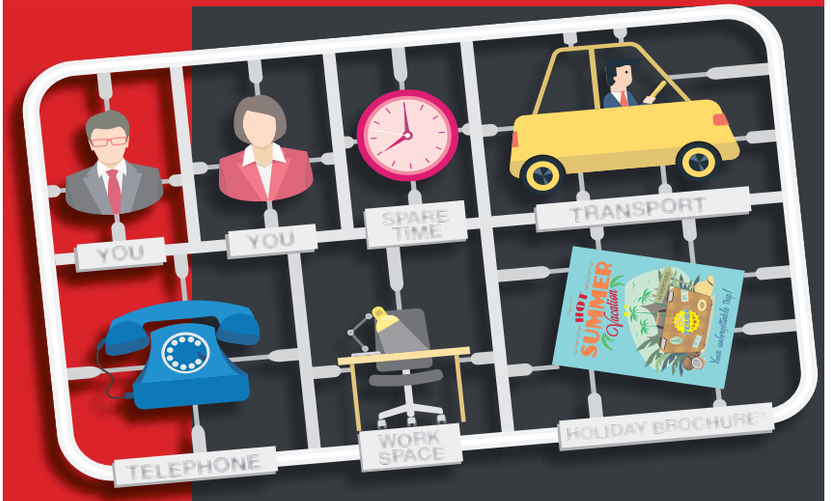

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City of culture, canals and Currywurst

IT was like stepping into a movie set. Tall, red brick-buildings lined the old canals. The district, once a thriving hub of activity, was now eerily quiet except for the faint echoes that bounced off the walls.

Hamburg, Germany

We were walking through the Speicherstadt, or the 'Old Warehouse City', a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

A castle-like restaurant awaited us several hundred yards away where we were to have lunch. It was sat on one of the bridges crossing the canal.

I had a Currywurst – a steamed (then fried) sausage topped off with a spicy ketchup and curry powder. It was an interesting combination.

The Restaurant, called Wasserschloss, proved a great setting to take in the surroundings. We were perched up on tables on an outside deck. I could make out cranes spaced out along the copper roof tops – which were used for winching up cargo into the warehouses for storage.

"The storage companies moved out about 25 years ago," my tour guide Paul Klein said. "And modern companies moved in for office space." It was one of Hamburg's many distinctive districts. The Speicherstadt was built in the late 19th and early 20th century, with its buildings and architecture unique to Hamburg.

Around the corner was a newly-opened coffee museum, which housed all information and equipment about coffee. Coffee is important in Hamburg's history. Coffee was one of the main commodities stored in the warehouses, alongside others such as tea and carpet, which is why the museum had opened up in the Speicherstadt.

Wunderland

Also close by was 'Miniatur Wunderland' – the largest model railway in the world. Exhibitions spanning multiple floors displayed tiny replicas of cities across the world – including Las Vegas and, of course, Hamburg.

And the settings of the exhibitions would change from day to night every few minutes, which gave an added authentic touch.

Hamburg has many tales, spread out across districts of different time periods. Each one with a unique appearance and vibe.

The city was bombed heavily during the Second World War, so a lot of re-development has taken place. This includes the overdue 800 million Euro symphony hall due to open this year, called the Elbphilharmonie.

A few blocks away from the Speicherstadt was St Pauli – a district in total contrast to the sleepy warehouse area. It is well known for its entertainment and night-life. Parts of it were not family friendly.

It was the old stomping ground of The Beatles in the 1960s, which is still celebrated today. It is also home to one of Europe's largest legal red light districts.

We were taken through the colourful streets by musician Stefanie Hempel. She showed us the venues that The Beatles once played, whilst performing their hit-songs. "The Beatles got their trademark haircut whilst in Hamburg." she said, adopting the style of German art students.

The waterways of Hamburg are important part of life in the city. The canals run to the River Elbe, and restaurants will often serve up fish on their menus, including fresh water shrimps.

The Ratsheern Brewery, located in St Pauli, offered great beer, which could be sampled on tours of the brewery. The overground and underground train lines made navigating the city easy.

I stayed at the Hotel Reichshof during my trip, located right across the road from Hamburg's central train station, Hauptbahnhof. It was a traditional hotel across six storeys with a restaurant, bar, and sports and spa facilities.

After five days experiencing the city, I found Hamburg a warm city with real character, culture and authenticity.

Each district offered something different – shopping, history, art, museums and entertainment.

Hamburg would make an enjoyable getaway trip for a city break, whatever time of year, where you can find a genuine look into modern Germany.

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The central galleried landing leads to four double bedrooms and a refitted bathroom incorporating a free-standing slipper bath. On the second floor are two attic rooms.

Number 7 is situated within easy reach of facilities at Bideford Way Centre and is in proximity to excellent schools.

In more detail a porch leads to an impressive entrance hall with a galleried landing, solid mahogany strip floor and a feature staircase. The sitting room has a solid mahogany strip floor. The living room has a pine feature surround having a cast inset, slate heath and natural flame gas fire and a sliding window to the rear garden.

Being part-tiled, the refitted breakfast kitchen has an extensive range of base units with soft close mechanisms, laminate working surfaces, wall cupboards, glazed display cabinets with concealed lighting, kick board mounted LED lights, plumbing for an automatic dishwasher, a bottle rack, integrated fridge and freezer, concealed lighting, slate tiled flooring and French windows to rear garden, down-lighters, and a gas range oven with oven hood/extractor over.

There is a rear hall with a slate tiled flooring and a fully fitted utility room and a half tiled cloakroom/shower room. Off the first floor galleried landing are four double bedrooms and a refitted bathroom, with the attic rooms above.

This home also has an integral garage, carport and well stocked gardens.

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KEY FEATURES

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- Detached
- 4 bedrooms
- Refitted breakfast kitchen
- Ideal for commuters

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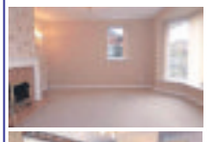
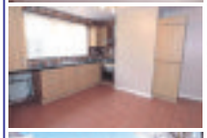
New



Olde Hall Lane

- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Driveway & Garden

Butters John Bee are delighted to be offering for sale this attractive detached bungalow which is situated in Great Wyrley, a popular residential area with local amenities nearby. In brief the accommodation consists of a entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, conservatory, three bedrooms and bathroom. Externally the property boasts a good sized driveway and an enclosed rear garden.



£225,000 EPC=D

Cannock
New

Pye Green Road
- Period Detached House•Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory•Kitchen/Breakfast Room

£245,000 EPC=F

Hednesford
New

Greenwood Park
- Detached House•Lounge & Dining Room
- Play Room & Guest WC•Four Bedrooms

£210,000 EPC=D

Heath Hayes
New

Langholm Drive
- Linked Detached House•Open Plan Accommodation
- Kitchen/Family Room•Three Bedrooms

£199,995 EPC=F

Heath Hayes
New

Peregrine Way
- Modern Town House•Re-Designed Layout
- Stunning Kitchen/Diner•Three Bedrooms

£199,995 EPC=C

Norton Canes
New

Burntwood Road
- Modern Detached House
- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Driveway & Garage

Butters John Bee are delighted to bring to the market this well presented modern detached house. In brief the spacious accommodation consists of an entrance porch, hallway, guest WC, lounge, dining room, spacious kitchen/ breakfast room, master bedroom with en-suite, three further bedrooms and a luxury family bathroom. Externally the property benefits from a driveway, garage and a low maintenance garden.

£237,950 EPC=TBA

Rawnsley
New

Littleworth Road
- Detached Bungalow•L-Shaped Lounge/Diner
- Three Bedrooms•Driveway & Garage

£190,000 EPC=D

Heath Hayes
New

Pheasant Way
- Modern Town House•Spacious Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner•Three Bedrooms

£190,000 EPC=C

Hednesford
New

Mount Street
- Detached House•Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Dining Room•Conservatory

£189,995 EPC=C

Heath Hayes
New

Langtree Close
- Linked Detached House•Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room•Driveway & Garage

£175,000 EPC=B

Hednesford
New

Burleigh Close
- Detached House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Four Bedrooms

£249,995 EPC=D

Cannock
New

Littleworth Road
- Terraced House
- Lounge & Snug
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms

£124,995 EPC=D

Essington

Sneyd Lane
- Executive Detached House•Three Reception Rooms
- Open Plan Kitchen/Diner•Utility & Two Guest WC's

£620,000 EPC=TBA

Heath Hayes
No Chain

Fremantle Drive
- Detached House•Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen & Utility Room•Guest WC

£239,995 EPC=D

Cannock

Dorney Place
- Modern Detached House•Though Lounge
- Dining Room & Kitchen•Guest WC

£225,000 EPC=B

Huntington

Huntsmans Rise
- Detached Bungalow•Well Presented
- Two Bedrooms•Re-Fitted Kitchen

£174,995 EPC=E

Cannock
No Chain

Bradford Street
- Semi Detached House•Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- Three Bedrooms•Shower Room

£140,000 EPC=D

Cannock
No Chain

Albert Street
- Semi Detached House•Very Well Presented
- Three Bedrooms•Luxury Kitchen

£140,000 EPC=E

Wimblebury

Claygate Road
- Terraced House•Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Spacious Lounge/Diner•Three Bedrooms

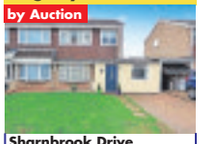
£130,000 EPC=C

Cannock
No Chain

John Street
- Ideal First Time Buy•End Terrace House
- Two Reception Rooms•Two Bedrooms

£120,000 EPC=D

Rugeley
by Auction



Sharnbrook Drive
- Auction 27th February•Linked Semi Detached
- Open Plan Kitchen/Diner•Utility & Guest WC

£117,000 EPC=D

Heath Hayes
by Auction

Bank Street
- Auction 27th February•Period Terraced House
- Modern Fitted Kitchen•Two Reception Rooms

£83,000 EPC=E

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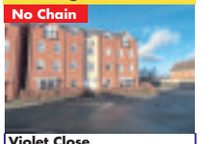

Violet Close
- 40% Shared Ownership•2nd Floor Apartment
- Lounge, Kitchen•2 Bedrooms, Bathroom

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Cannock
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- Downstairs Shower Room
- Rear Parking
- EPC = D

Littleworth Road Hednesford

£124,995

- Two Bedroom Mid Terrace House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Extended Kitchen
- Upstairs Bathroom
- Rear Parking & No Chain
- EPC =TBC

Dundalk Lane Cannock

£190,000

- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Gardens, Parking and Garage
- EPC = D

Union Street Bridgtown

£110,000

- First Floor Maisonette
- Spacious 20ft Lounge Diner
- Two Well Proportioned Bedrooms
- Ensuite Shower Room
- Must Be Viewed
- EPC = B

Dorney Place Bridgtown

£102,950

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Lounge Diner & Fitted Kitchen
- Allocated Parking
- Double glazing & Storage Heaters
- Ideal Investment
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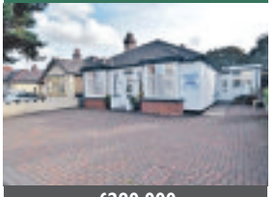
High Street Chasetown



£290,000

- Extended Detached Bungalow
- Four/Five Bedrooms
- Impressive Lounge Diner
- Shower Room and Bathroom
- Viewing Recommended
- EPC = TBC

Stafford Road Cannock

£125,000

- Traditional Semi Detached House
- No Onward Chain
- Lounge & Kitchen Diner
- Three Bedrooms
- Front & Rear Garden
- EPC = E

Truro Place Heath Hayes

£239,999

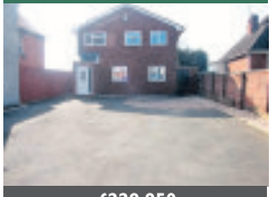
- Three Bedroom Detached
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Stylish Modern Kitchen
- Impressive 14ft Conservatory
- En suite Shower Room
- EPC = B

Sandy Lane Rugeley

£260,000

- Immaculate Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Ensuite To Master
- Two Reception Rooms
- EPC = C

Mill Street Cannock Centre



£229,950

- Superb Four Bedroom Detached
- Recently Renovated
- Refitted En Suite Shower Room
- 19ft Conservatory
- No Upward Chain
- EPC = D

Pye Green Road Cannock

£215,000

- Superb Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Lounge Diner & Well Styled Kitchen
- Must be Viewed
- EPC = E

Pye Green Road Cannock

£220,000

- Superb Detached Family Home
- Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory and Utility Room
- Refitted Upstairs Bathroom
- Conveniently Positioned
- EPC =D

Grouse Way Heath Hayes

£170,000

- Modern Mews Style House
- Three Bedrooms & Ensuite
- Breakfast Kitchen & Lounge Diner
- Downstairs Guest WC
- Ample Driveway & Garage
- EPC = C

Mary Street Hednesford

£170,000

- Extended Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Downstairs Shower
- Ground Floor Study/Playroom
- Driveway & Enclosed Rear Garden
- EPC = D

Wellington Drive Cannock

£129,995

- Two Bedroom Semi Detached
- Refitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Lounge & Utility Room
- Ideal First Time Purchase
- Upstairs Shower Room
- EPC = D

Huntington Terrace Road Cannock

£125,000

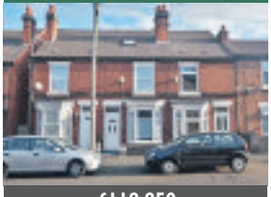
- Well Presented Mid Terrace House
- Fitted Kitchen & Downstairs WC
- Two Bedrooms
- Parking & Enclosed Rear Garden
- Ideal First Time Purchase
- EPC = C

Gorsemoor Road Heath Hayes

£119,995

- Semi Detached House
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge Diner & Kitchen
- Much Sought After Locality
- C.H. & D.G.
- EPC = TBC

Church Street Bridgtown



£119,950

- Traditional Mid Terrace House
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Refitted Kitchen &
- Three Bedrooms & First Floor WC
- Central Heating & Double Glazing
- EPC = D

New Penkridge Road Cannock

£110,000

- First Floor Apartment
- Popular Town Centre Location
- Two Bedrooms & Family Bathroom
- Allocated Parking
- Ideally suited for a First Time Buyer
- EPC = TBC

Cannock Road Penkridge

£85,000

- Park Home
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen Diner
- Shower Room
- Gardens
- Off Road Parking

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125,000

SOLD

CHASETOWN

New Street

A Well Presented Two Bedroom End terraced Property With No Onward Chain, GCH, DG, Lounge/Dining Room, Re-Fitted Breakfast Kitchen, Spacious Bathroom, Rear Garden

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NEW & SOLD

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Rugeley Road

A well presented two bedroom semi-detached property, GCH, double glazing, guest W.C, 2 reception rooms, fitted kitchen, spacious fitted bathroom, rear garden, ideal 1st time buy.

£112,000

NEW

BURNTWOOD

Hill Street

Offered with no onward chain this beautifully presented three bedroom semi-detached family home. GCH, DG, lounge, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, rear garden.

£150,000

NEW

BROWNHILLS

Church Road

A beautifully presented three bedroom semi-detached home, GCH, DG, hallway, fitted kitchen, spacious lounge/dining room, guest W.C, en-suite, bathroom, garage, orp, rear garden.

£169,950

NEW & NO CHAIN

CHASE TERRACE

Hollygrove Lane

• A beautifully maintained and spacious 2 bedroom link detached bungalow. GCH, DG, hall. spacious lounge/dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom, rear garden, garage & parking.

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NEW & NO ONWARD CHAIN

BURNTWOOD

Redwood Drive

Offered with no onward chain an upgraded 3 bedroom semi-detached family home. GCH, DG, hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, kitchen/ diner, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, 21' garage, fore & rear gardens & parking.

£169,950

THREE BEDS

HEDNEDSFORD

Heath Gap Road

A well presented three bedroom semi-detached property, GCH, DG,porch, lounge/ dining room, fitted kitchen, guest W.C, family bathroom, extensive rear garden

£135,000

NEW PRICE

CHASETOWN

Newgate Street

A tghree bedroom mid-terraced property, GCH, DG, porch, hallway, fitted kitchen, lounge, guest W.C, newly fitted shower room, orp, enclosed rear garden, garage in a seperate block, ideal 1st time buy/buy to let

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MUST BE VIEWED

RAWNSLEY

Littleworth Road

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NEW

CHASE TERRACE

Spencer Drive

A much improvede & well presented four bedroom detached family home, GCH, DG, spacious hallway, lounge, fitted kitchen, study, modern family bathroom, ample ORP, enclosed rear garden, garage

£239,000

NO ONWARD CHAIN

CHASE TERRACE

Redwood Drive

A spacious and extended four bedroom semi-detached home, GCH, DG, spacious lounge, dining room, dining kitchen, bathroom, seperate W.C, garage, ORP, enclosed rear garden.

£174,950

NEW & NO ONWARD CHAIN

BURNTWOOD

Nailers Drive

A beautifully presented and spacious four bedroom semi-detached family home, GCH, DG, entrance hallway, spacious fitted kitchen/diner, lounge, family bathroom, enclosed rear garden, ample parking to fore

£195,000

NEW & NO ONWARD CHAIN

PELSALL

Windrush Close

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£109,950

NO ONWARD CHAIN

BURNTWOOD

Queens Courrt

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- Conservatory
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Partridge Close, Heath Hayes

- Town House
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Ensuites
- Family Bathroom
- Lounge Diner
- Breakfast Kitchen

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- Semi Detached
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom & Ensuite
- Two Reception Rooms
- Gas Central Heating
- Close to Town

£110,000

Woodland Court, Hednesford

- Ground Floor Apartment
- One Double Bedroom
- Open Plan Lounge / Kitchen
- Gas Central Heating
- Close To Hednesford Town Centre
- Must Be Viewed

£85,000

Earlswood Way, Cannock

- Modern Townhouse
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Downstairs WC
- Stylish Kitchen Diner
- Close To Cannock Town
- Two Car Driveway

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George Street, Hednesford

- Detached Bungalow
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- Impressive Corner Plot
- Double Garage
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Conservatory & Guest WC

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Stafford Lane, Hednesford

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- Lounge & Dining Room
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Gorsey Lane, Cannock

- Traditional Terrace Home
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- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen & Downstairs WC
- Upstairs Family Bathroom
- No Upward Chain

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- 2 Reception Rooms
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- Established Retail Premises
- Generous Floor Space
- Convenient Location
- Viewing A Must

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- Open Fields To The Front
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- Very Popular Location

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- Fitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Driveway & garage
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- Three bedrooms
- Family bathroom
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£160,000

LOWER BIRCHES WAY, RUGELEY

A four bedroomed detached family home. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Hallway, Guest W.C., Study, Kitchen, Dining Room, Conservatory and Lounge. First Floor Landing, Master with Ensuite Shower Room, Second Bedroom with Ensuite Shower Room and Two Further Bedrooms and a Bathroom. Integral Garage, Driveway with Parking, Garden to Front and Rear. EPC Rating - D

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A well presented traditional two bedroomed mid terraced property located in a sought after village location. UPVC Double Glazing and Gas Central Heating. Side Entrance Door, Inner Hallway, Utility Area, Downstairs Bathroom, Lounge and Kitchen/Diner. First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms and W.C. Garden to Rear. Viewing Highly Recommended. EPC Rating - D

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A good sized detached bungalow situated in a quiet cul-de-sac in a popular and sought after village location offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Guest W.C., Three Bedrooms and Shower Room. Gardens to Front and Rear. Garage/Workshop and Driveway. EPC Rating - D

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BURNTWOOD, HOSPITAL ROAD

- Executive family home
- Extensive rear garden
- Ample off road parking
- Open plan living
- Sought after location
- Delightful views to the front
- EPC Rating E

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NEW PRICE

BLOXWICH, BAMFORD ROAD

- Impressive detached residence
- Greatly extended and improved
- Immaculate, contemporary interiors
- Open plan kitchen / diner
- Large conservatory
- No onward chain
- EPC rating C

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HAMMERWICH, PINGLE LANE

- Superb semi-detached house
- Rural village location
- Countryside views
- Immaculate fitted kitchen
- Ground floor bathroom
- Separate WC
- EPC rating E

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GREAT WYRLEY, QUINTON AVENUE

- Spacious detached property
- Extended accommodation
- Through lounge / dining room
- Family room, conservatory
- Superb breakfast kitchen
- Gardens, driveway, garage
- EPC rating D

4 1

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NEW INSTRUCTION

CHESLYN HAY, HATHERTON STREET

- Detached family residence
- Extended ground floor
- Two reception rooms
- Conservatory,
- Kitchen and utility
- Garden, off road parking
- EPC rating E

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NEW INSTRUCTION

BLOXWICH, BAYTREE ROAD

- Well proportioned detached house
- Two spacious reception rooms
- Kitchen / breakfast room
- Garage, workshop, driveway
- Lovely garden with water feature
- No onward chain
- EPC rating to follow

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BURNTWOOD, HOSPITAL ROAD

- Spacious family home
- Generous rear garden
- Delightful views to the front
- Good size bedrooms
- Plenty of potential
- Sought after location
- EPC rating D

3 1

Great Wyrley Office - £189,950

NEW INSTRUCTION

GREAT WYRLEY, LINGFIELD DRIVE

- Detached Residence
- Plenty of Potential
- Lounge, Kitchen/Diner
- Utility Room
- Garage, 2 Driveways
- Gardens
- EPC Rating D

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BLOXWICH, AMBERGATE CLOSE

- Superb semi-detached house
- Immaculate interiors
- Through lounge / diner
- Extended breakfast kitchen
- Neatly maintained gardens
- Driveway, garage
- EPC rating D

3 1

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GREAT WYRLEY, GORSEY LANE

- Modern mid-terraced property
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NORTON CANES, HILL STREET

- Semi-detached bungalow
- Cul-de-Sac location
- Lounge, conservatory
- Kitchen / breakfast room
- Loft conversion
- No onward chain
- EPC rating D

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CHESLYN HAY, GLENTHORNE DRIVE

- Well presented semi
- Prime village location
- Through lounge / diner
- Kitchen, breakfast room
- Conservatory
- Superb rear garden
- Driveway & garage
- EPC rating D

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CHESLYN HAY, QUEEN STREET

- Superb semi-detached house
- Quiet village location
- Far reaching views
- Spacious lounge, kitchen
- Ground floor bathroom
- Driveway parking
- EPC rating to follow

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NEW PRICE

CHESLYN HAY, SUTHERLAND ROAD

- Well proportioned semi
- Sought after village location
- Through lounge / dining room
- Kitchen, sun room
- Good sized rear garden
- Driveway, detached garage
- EPC rating C

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NEW INSTRUCTION

CHESLYN HAY, WESTBOURNE AVENUE

- Semi-detached bungalow
- Popular village location
- Spacious lounge
- Kitchen / dining room
- Driveway parking / garage
- No upward chain
- EPC rating to follow

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NEW INSTRUCTION

CHESLYN HAY, VALLEY GREEN

- Superb end-terraced house
- Ideal first time / investor buy
- Immaculately presented interiors
- Lounge, modern fitted kitchen
- Off road parking
- Viewing highly recommended
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NEW PRICE

BLOXWICH, GRENFELL ROAD

- Well presented semi
- Ideal 1st time / investment buy
- Dual aspect lounge / diner
- Kitchen. Guest WC
- Two double bedrooms
- Good sized rear garden
- EPC rating E

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NEW INSTRUCTION

BLOXWICH, GLASTONBURY CRESCENT

- Impressive Mid Terraced House
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- Conservatory
- Bathroom with Separate Shower
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- Gardens front and rear
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HEATH HAYES
PARTRIDGE CLOSE
NEW

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- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, kitchen
- Family bathroom
- Two bedrooms
- Garden to rear
- Off road parking
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- EPC rating C

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- Family bathroom
- Encsed rear garden, Driveway
- EPC rating C

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HEDNESFORD
LITTLEWORTH ROAD
NEW

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- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, Kitchen/diner
- Bathroom
- Two good sized bedrooms
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- Kitchen
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- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
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- Traditional Three bedroom
- Lounge, dining room
- Breakfast kitchen
- Family Bathroom ● Conservatory
- Enclosed Rear garden
- Garage & Driveway
- Popular location
- NO CHAIN
- EPC rating E

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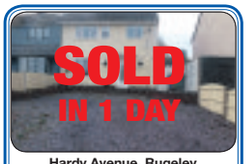

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Five bedroom detached family home / NO UPWARD CHAIN / Breakfast kitchen / Drive for more than ten vehicles / Enclosed rear garden / EPC: C

Offers in Excess of £420,000

The Meadows
CANNOCK

Executive Five Bedroom Detached Family Home / Large Reception Style Conservatory / Finished To A High Specification Throughout / Stunning Open Plan Dining Kitchen / Five Double Bedrooms

Offers in Excess of £370,000

Walsall Road
GREAT WYRLEY

Charming four bedroom detached character property / Spacious living and sleeping accommodation / Farmhouse breakfast kitchen / Driveway with ample parking

Offers in Excess of £350,000

Sweetbriar Way
HEATH HAYES

Immaculately presented four bedroom detached house / Set on a large plot with double garage, large rear garden and 6 car driveway / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation

£350,000

Wood Lane
CANNOCK

Impressive five bedroom detached dormer style house / Tastefully decorated throughout / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / Large reception style conservatory / Detached garage / Drive for

Offers in the Region Of £345,000

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Brereton Manor Court
BRERETON

Well presented four bedroom detached house / Sought after cul-de-sac location / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / Open plan breakfast kitchen / Good sized private rear garden / Driveway

£300,000

St Christopher Close
RAWNSLEY

Immaculately presented four bedroom detached family home / Enivable corner plot in quiet cul-de-sac / Tastefully decorated & finished to high modern standard / Driveway for up to six vehicles /

£295,000

Kingscroft
WIMBLEBURY

Well presented four bedroom detached house / Good sized corner plot down a quiet cul-de-sac / Superb open plan lounge-diner ideal for entertaining / Modern fitted breakfast kitchen

£286,000

Bower Lane
ETCHING HILL

Charming two/thee bedroom character property built in the 1800s / Potential building plot / Sought after semi rural location / Quadruple garage

£285,000

Wolverhampton Road
CANNOCK

Four bedroom character property with a unique bespoke design / Spacious accommodation throughout / Large lounge with feature Inglenook fireplace

Offers in Excess of £280,000

Clover Meadows
HEATH HAYES

Well presented four bedroom detached house / Large plot at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac / Private South facing rear garden / Spacious lounge & open plan L shaped dining kitchen

£250,000

Chasewater Way
NORTON CANES

Well presented four bedroom detached house / Sought after cul-de-sac location / Stunning large rear conservatory / Good sized private rear garden / Private driveway for two cars plus garage

£245,000

Attlee Grove
HEATH HAYES

Three/four bedroom family home / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Good sized corner plot at the end of a sought after cul-de-sac / Detached garage and driveway providing off road parking

£240,000

Beaumont Way
NORTON CANES

Three bedroom detached house / Spacious reception rooms & bedrooms / Open plan dining kitchen / Two en-suites plus a family bathroom / Good sized private rear garden

£240,000

Rowan Close
HUNTINGTON

Four bedroom detached family home / Spacious lounge & open plan kitchen-diner / Set on a good sized corner plot / Private rear garden / NHBC guarantee

Offers in Excess of £220,000

Lupin Drive
HUNTINGTON

Well presented four bedroom town house / Spacious living and sleeping accommodation / Modern fitted breakfast kitchen / Victorian conservatory

Offers in the Region Of £220,000

Belt Road
HEDNESFORD

Immaculately presented three bedroom detached family home / Set on a good sized corner plot / Recently undergone refurbishment / Superb open plan lounge-diner

£210,000

Ansty Drive
HEATH HAYES

Three bedroom detached house / Well established and sought after residential area / Larger than normal end plot / Good sized lounge

£200,000

Littleworth Road
HEDNESFORD

Extended and well presented five bedroom family home / Spacious lounge & open plan dining kitchen / Useful downstairs shower room / Private rear garden / Integral garage / Driveway providing off road

£195,000

Partridge Close
HEATH HAYES

Well presented three bedroom semi detached house / Quiet cul-de-sac within a sought after modern development / Modern fitted open plan dining kitchen / Spacious living and sleeping accommodation

£190,000

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Fremantle Drive
WIMBLEBURY

Immaculately presented three bedroom semi detached house / Set within quiet cul-de-sac / Modern fitted kitchen / Open plan lounge diner / Large rear conservatory / En-suite to master / Parking for

£190,000

Chapel Street
HEATH HAYES

Deceptively spacious five bedroom semi-detached house / Set over three floors / Large plot / Double garage / Spacious reception rooms

£185,000

Bracken Way
ETCHING HILL

Extended four bedroom detached house / Good sized corner plot in the sought after residential area of Etching Hill / Spacious living and sleeping accommodation

£184,950

Langtree Close
HEATH HAYES

Two bedroom detached bungalow / quiet cul-de-sac / ●●●NO ONWARD CHAIN●●● / quiet cul-de-sac / two double bedrooms Detached garage / Good sized rubber mac driveway with parking for

£180,000

Windsor Close
RUGELEY

Well presented three bedroom town house / Set over three floors / Three double bedrooms / Two separate bathrooms / Good sized open plan lounge-diner / Private rear garden / Parking for two vehicles

£170,000

Haig Close
HEDNESFORD

Well presented two bedroom semi detached bungalow / Set on large plot at end of quiet cul-de-sac / Large private rear garden / UPVC conservatory / Breakfast kitchen / Driveway providing ample parking

£165,000

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Marconi Place
HEDNESFORD

Three bedroom semi detached house / ●●●APPROVED PLANNING PERMISSION FOR SUBSTANTIAL EXTENSION●●● / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Good sized private rear garden

£159,950

Hednesford Road
NORTON CANES

Two bedroom character property / Fantastic semi rural location / Rolling views of the countryside to the front & rear / Newly modern fitted kitchen & bathroom

£140,000

Chapel Street
HEATH HAYES

Semi detached character property / Large rear garden ideal for entertaining / Modern breakfast kitchen and bathroom / Two double bedrooms with w/c to the master

£140,000

Stevens Drive
HEDNESFORD

Two bedroom semi-detached house / Well established residential area / NO CHAIN & VACANT POSSESSION / Driveway and private rear garden / Conservatory to the rear

£130,000

Albert Street
CANNOCK

Three bedroom semi detached house / Spacious open plan lounge-diner / Modern fitted bathroom / Good sized private rear garden / Driveway providing off road parking

Offers in Excess of £130,000

Anglesey Street
HEDNESFORD

Two Bedroom End Terraced House / Stunning Communal Gardens / Exclusive Private Mews Development / Spacious Living & Sleeping Accommodation / Modern Kitchen & Bathroom

£125,000

Hindley View
RUGELEY

Unique & Immaculately Presented Two Bedroom First Floor Duplex Apartment / Exclusive Private Development / Finished To A Good Modern Standard / Open Plan Dining Kitchen

Offers in the Region Of £120,000

Bath Road
CANNOCK

Well presented two bedroom semi-detached house / modern fitted kitchen and bathroom / spacious accommodation / private rear garden / parking for two vehicles / NO ONWARD CHAIN

Offers in Excess of £120,000

Broad Street
BRIDGTOWN

Traditional two bedroom mid terraced house / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / Modern fitted kitchen and bathroom / Good sized private rear garden

Offers in Excess of £110,000

Cannock Road
CANNOCK

Well presented two bedroom traditional semi detached house / Two double bedrooms / Generous rear garden with parking for up to three vehicles / Rear courtyard area / Storage outbuildings

Offers in Excess of £100,000

Apple Walk
HEATH HAYES

Mid terraced one bedroom house / Situated near to the local nature reserve / Open plan living area / Private front garden and off road parking

£95,000

Woottons Court
CANNOCK

Spacious two bedroom first floor apartment / Revovated & refurbished /Lounge & kitchen / Allocated & visitor parking / Communal gardens / EPC: C

£94,950

Bevan Lee Road
CANNOCK

Commercial property; an exciting retail opportunity / Previously a convenience store / Can also be used as hair dresser or pet groomers

£90,000

Barnard Way
CANNOCK

Two bedroom ground floor maisonette / Exciting investment opportunity / Available with a sitting tenant / Rental income of £500 PCM

£87,500

Park Road
TOWN CENTRE - CANNOCK

Second floor apartment / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Ideal for first time buyers / Allocated parking for one vehicle / EPC: C

£85,000

Brooklyn Road
HEATH HAYES

One bedroom first floor maisonette / Ideal for first time buyers or investors / Very low ground rent, Insurance & maintenance rates / New carpets and new windows

£75,000

Arran Close
CANNOCK

Two bedroom ground floor apartment / Property is being sold with a sitting tenant / Rental income of £495 PCM / Exciting investment opportunity / Spacious lounge

£69,950

Violet Close
HUNTINGTON

NO ONWARD CHAIN / Modern two bedroom second floor apartment / Ideal for first time buyers / Spacious lounge-diner / Off road allocated parking / 40% shared ownership

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Church Street, Cannock
£135,000

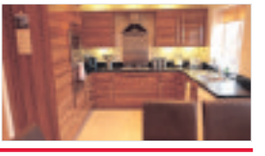
Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom semi-detached house located in Cannock. The property briefly comprises of family lounge, modern fitted kitchen with dining area, modern fitted bathroom with wash hand basin, bath and WC and on the first floor three double bedrooms. Externally to the front there is a paved entrance courtyard, double gated shared access to the rear which is block paved. To the rear there is a driveway providing parking for multiple vehicles and enclosed private garden with a paved entertaining patio area and separate lawn area. Energy rating: E.

Boswell Road, Cannock
£135,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom semi-detached house located in Cannock. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, conservatory, three bedrooms, bathroom and garage. Energy rating: D.

Conway Road, Cannock
£149,950

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom semi-detached house located in Cannock within easy reach of Cannock town centre, schools and local amenities. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, lounge, modern fitted kitchen with dining area, conservatory, modern fitted bathroom and three bedrooms with the master having en-suite. Energy rating: B.



Balmoral Drive, Hednesford
£162,500

Connells Estate Agents have for sale this two bedroom semi-detached bungalow located in Hednesford with NO CHAIN. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, lounge with through conservatory, modern fitted kitchen, two bedrooms, modern fitted bathroom, driveway providing off road parking and garage. Having AMPLE PARKING, the property benefits from having a block paved driveway providing generous parking. There is also SECURE ACCESS VIA DOUBLE GATES for a large vehicle or perhaps a caravan. Energy rating: E.

Sutherland Road, Cheslyn Hay
£169,950

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom semi-detached property located in Cheslyn Hay. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, porch, lounge / diner, kitchen, sun lounge, three bedrooms, bathroom and garage. Energy rating: C.

Bridges Crescent, Norton Canes
£170,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom semi-detached house located in Norton Canes. The property briefly comprises of entrance porch, hallway, lounge, dining area, modern fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, front garden, rear garden, block paved driveway providing off road parking and garage. The property also benefits from having solar panels. Energy rating: B.

Cannock Road, Cannock
£174,950

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom detached property in Cannock. The property comprises of entrance porch, lounge, kitchen, downstairs WC, three bedrooms, bathroom, driveway providing off road parking, and garage. Energy rating: E.

Pinfold Lane, Norton Canes
£185,000

Connells Estate Agents have for sale this THREE BEDROOM semi detached property in a READY TO MOVE INTO CONDITION! The property briefly comprises of a entrance hall, family lounge, second living room, utility or breakfast room, large kitchen. On the first floor there are three bedrooms all of a very good size and a Family bathroom. Externally to the front there is a driveway providing parking for multiple vehicles whilst to the rear there is a entertaining patio area and a separate lawn area with a mixture of shrubs. Energy rating: E

Littleworth Road, Hednesford
£185,000

BRAND NEW three bedroom semi detached property finished to an extremely high standard ●●●10 YEAR WARRANTY●●● CONNELLS are delighted to bring to market this BRAND NEW three bedroom semi detached property located in Hednesford, on Littleworth Road. MUST BE SEEN TO APPRECIATE this home briefly comprises of a hallway, lounge, downstairs WC, kitchen / diner, three bedrooms with the master having an en-suite wet room as well as a family bathroom. Finishes include intergrated washing machine, intergrated fridge/freezer and kardean flooring downstairs (where specified). This plot has off road parking for two cars.

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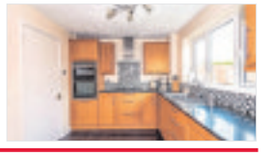
High Street, Cheslyn Hay
£235,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this property in the heart of Cheslyn Hay which is within walking distance to Cheslyn Hay Primary and other schools, amenities and transport links. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, lounge, fitted kitchen/ breakfast room, further family room. Upstairs you have four bedrooms and family bathroom which has been recently fitted. To the front of the property you have the benefit of off road parking and a GARAGE whilst to the rear there is a significantly large garden with a lawn and block pave area. Energy Rating: D.

Marigold Close, Heath Hayes
£269,950



CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this 4 bedroom semi-detached property located in Heath Hayes. The property comprises of entrance hall, downstairs WC, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, four bedrooms - master having en-suite, bathroom and garage. Energy rating: awaited.

Wolverhampton Road, Wedges Mills
£280,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this 3 / 4 bedroom property located in Wedges Mills. The property comprises of side entrance, entrance hall, shower room, lounge, study, two kitchens, four bedrooms - one could be used as a further reception room, cloakroom / boot room, downstairs bathroom, utility and WC, garage and driveway providing off road parking. Energy rating: D.

Poplar Lane, Cannock
£290,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom detached bungalow located in Cannock. The property briefly comprises of entrance porch, hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, rear entrance hall, three bedrooms, bathroom and garage. Energy rating: E..

Fremantle Drive, Heath Hayes
£295,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this five bedroom detached house situated in Wimbelbury. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, downstairs wc, family lounge, separate dining room, modern fitted kitchen, utility room and conservatory. On the first floor the property comprises of a landing, family bathroom with wash hand basin and WC, five bedrooms all of a good size and the master benefiting from having an en-suite and one of the rooms currently used as a study. To the front there is a shared access driveway which provides parking for multiple cars, and to the rear there is a entertaining patio area and separate lawn area. Energy rating: awaited.

Stafford Road, Great Wyrley
£365,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are delighted to market for sale this impressive three bedroom detached beaming with character and beautiful views to the rear situated in the sought after village of Great Wyrley near to schools, transport links, pubs and local amenities. This property briefly comprises of entrance porch, hall, downstairs WC with wash hand basin, family lounge, dining room with double doors into modern fitted kitchen, conservatory, three bedrooms all of a good size with the master bedroom benefitting from having a recently fitted en-suite and windows that open completely out on to a superb elevated decking area, bathroom with an impressive power shower, WC and wash hand basin. To the front there are private electric gates with intercom system, block paved driveway, front and rear gardens with various shrubs, trees and water features, summer house at the bottom of the garden, side access to the rear through secure gate and separate access into garage/workshop through door to rear. Energy rating: D.

Broadhurst Green Road, Hednesford
£375,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom detached house located in the middle of Cannock Chase! Set in a half acre of land with many character features this three bedroom detached cottage is located in the middle of Cannock Chase and has plenty of off road parking. The property comprises of entrance hall / utility room, downstairs shower room, wc, rear entrance hall, lounge, dining room, 3rd reception room, kitchen, second kitchen and rear entrance porch on the ground floor. The first floor comprises of three bedrooms and bathroom. Outside to the front is a driveway providing off road parking and access to the rear, the rear garden has a landscaped garden set over three levels and a outbuilding. Energy rating: awaited.

Manor Avenue, Cannock
offers over £420,000

Connells estate agents have for sale this SIX bedroom detached with FIVE BATHROOMS house located in Cannock Town Centre. This property has been heavily extended and is set over three floors. High quality finished such as underfloor heating (where specified), bi-folding doors in the kitchen/diner, ethernet cables in most rooms and orangery style sky light with feature ambience mood lighting (colour changing technology). The property comprises of the following:- Ground floor - entrance hall, lounge with bay window, 23ft● x 23ft● kitchen/diner/family room, utility room, downstairs WC, downstairs WC, modern fitted luxury kitchen which is open plan into conservatory, utility room. First floor - four bedrooms, one with en-suite and two with jack and jill bathroom and a further family bathroom. Second floor - two bedrooms both with en-suites. Being a corner plot, externally the property has a driveway suitable for multiple cars as well as a huge rear garden which houses a detached annexe / wood cabin which has a lounge, bar/games room, shower room and a garden room. EPC Rating: awaited

Chestnut Grove, Penkridge
£490,000

WOW!!! DO NOT MISS YOUR CHANCE TO PURCHASE THIS ELEGANT & BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED FIVE BEDROOM (TWO EN-SUITE'S) LUXURY DETACHED HOUSE LOCATED IN ONE OF THE MOST SOUGHT AFTER ROADS IN PENKRIDGE.

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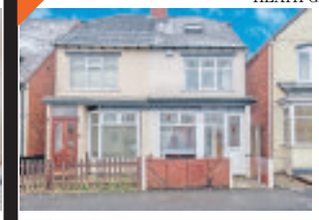
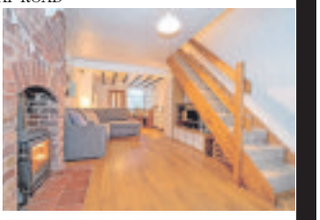
- 4 Bed Detached
- Hallway
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Refitted Kichen/Diner
- Utility, WC
- Garage
- Refitted Bathroom
- Driveway

£260,000 Offers Over

NEW

CANNOCK
HEATH GAP ROAD

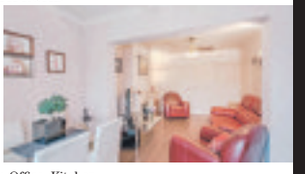



- Traditional Semi
- Porch, WC
- Lounge/Diner
- Refitted Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Large Rear Garden
- Viewing Essential

£135,000

NEW

CANNOCK
DARTMOUTH ROAD



- Traditional Family Home
- Sought After Location
- Porch, Through Hall
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Office, Kitchen
- Utility Room, WC
- 3 Bedrooms
- Driveway

£240,000

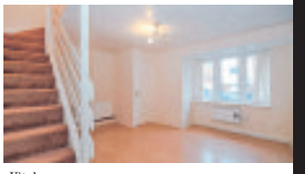
HEDNESFORD
CHANCERY DRIVE

- Open Field Views
- Generous Extended
- Hallway
- Lounge. WC
- Kitchen/diner
- 5 Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Generous Driveway

£244,950

NEW

HEATH HAYES
APPLE WALK



- OFFERED WITH NO CHAIN
- Modern Terraced
- Entrance Hallway,
- Lounge Diner.
- Kitchen,
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Front and Side Gardens

£105,000

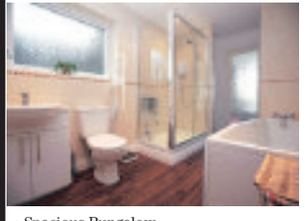
HEATH HAYES
BANK STREET

- Traditional Semi
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Viewing Recommended

£124,250

NEW

BURNTWOOD
HOLLY GROVE LANE

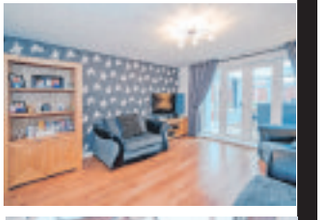
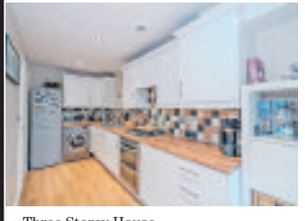


- Spacious Bungalow
- Hall, Kitchen
- Lounge/Dining Room
- 2 Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Driveway, Garage
- Private Garden
- G.C.H, D.Glazed
- NO CHAIN

£184,950

NEW

HUNTINGTON
COLLIERS CLOSE

- Three Storey House
- Entrance Hallway,
- Lounge,
- Guest WC,
- MODERN Breakfast Kitchen,
- Conservatory,
- Three Bedrooms,
- Family Bathroom,
- Dressing Room and en-suite to Master.
- Driveway,Garage,landscaped,Garden

£185,000

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CHESLYN HAY
NEW HORSE ROAD

- Dorma Bungalow
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Conservatory
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage
- Rear Garden

£184,950

HEDNESFORD
THORNHILL

- Detached Home
- Through Hall
- Lounge/Diner
- Breakfast Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens, Garage
- NO CHAIN

£180,000

CHESLYN HAY
WALLACE COURT

- EXECUTIVE DETACHED FAMILY HOME
- Through Hallway,
- Lounge,
- Dining Room.
- Sitting Room
- Breakfast Kitchen,
- Guest WC,
- Utility Room.

£436,500

HEDNESFORD
HERONDALE

- Ground Floor
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Garden
- Parking

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HEDNESFORD
NELSON DRIVE

- Spacious Family Home
- Through Hallway
- Lounge.
- Sitting Room
- Conservatory
- Kitchen/Diner
- Utility, W.C..

£250,000

HEDNESFORD
BRINDLEY ROAD

- 2 Bed Semi
- Through Hallway
- Lounge/diner
- Breakfast Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Driveway
- Garage
- NO CHAIN!

£169,950

CANNOCK
ULLSWATER PLACE

- Spacious Detached
- Through Hallway, WC
- Dining Room.
- Lounge/Diner
- Study Area
- Refitted Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms.

£239,950

CANNOCK
CEMETERY ROAD

- Traditional Terraced
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Refitted Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- NO CHAIN

£105,000

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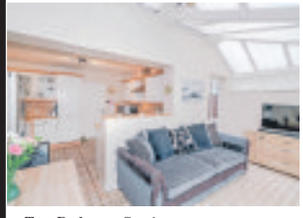
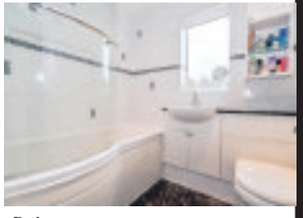

- Two Bedroom Semi
- Entrance,
- Lounge,
- KIitchen
- Conservatory/Family Room
- Bathroom,
- Rear Garden
- Driveway

£135,000

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- Detached Bungalow
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Driveway
- Gardens
- No Chain

£155,000

GREAT WYRLEY
PENNY COURT

- Ground Floor
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Lounge
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Parking

£70,000

HEDNESFORD
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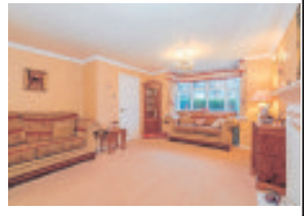
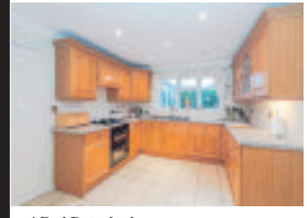

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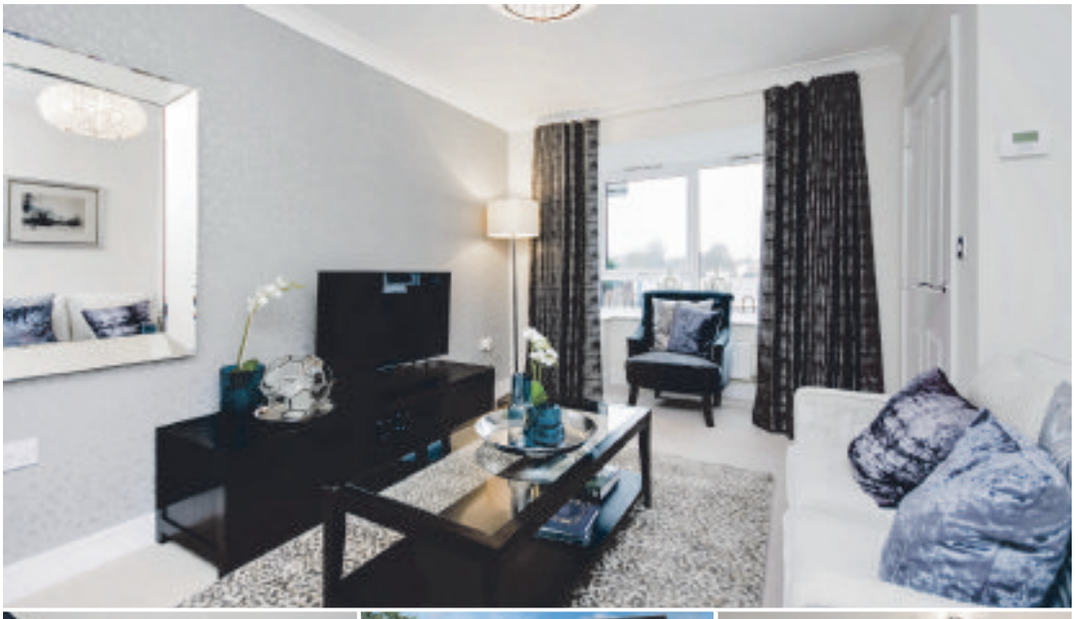

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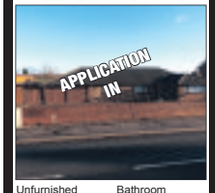

Unfurnished Detached Bungalow Lounge Kitchen 3 Bedrooms
Bathroom GCH & DG Rear Garden Parking EPC Rating D

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- Bathroom
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13 BIDEFORD WAY, CANNOCK

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Located In Much Sought After Residential Area of the Town Convenient for Facilities Close By

- Reception hall
- Lounge/dining area
- Double glazed conservatory
- Refitted well equipped kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Gardens and off road parking
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating D (58)

£169,950 FREEHOLD

7 LOVATT PLACE, CANNOCK

THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac Convenient For Facilities at the Town Centre

- Lounge & dining area
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Garage
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (72)

£146,950

HADLEIGH HOUSE, 55 OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK

SUPERBLY APPOINTED INDIVIDUAL ARCHITECT DESIGNED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE OFFERING OUTSTANDING FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOMS AND FIVE RECEPTION ROOMS INCORPORATING HIGH SPECIFICATION INTELIGENT HOME HUB FACILITIES OCCUPYING EXCEPTIONALLY WELL POSITIONED PLOT WHICH EXTENDS TO APPROXIMATELY 0.42 OF AN ACRE LOCATED IN THIS PRIME RESIDENTIAL AREA OF THE TOWN CLOSE TO TOWN CENTRE FACILITIES AND THE SHOAL HILL DISTRICT OF CANNOCK

- ❖Recessed Canopy Porch
- ❖Impressive Reception Hall
- ❖Cloakroom
- ❖Five Reception Rooms
- ❖Bespoke Luxury Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- ❖Utility Room
- ❖Central Galleried Landing
- ❖Four Double Bedrooms
- Two En-Suite Shower Rooms❖
- Luxury Family Bathroom❖
- Useful Attic Room❖
- Garaging For Three Cars❖
- Cloakroom off Main Garage❖
- Fully Double Glazed & Gas Fired Central Heating❖
- Intruder Alarm and CCTV❖
- EPC Rating C (71)❖

❖Home Network with Audio Visual and Surround Sound System❖
❖Landscaped South Facing Rear Gardens Which Extends to Approximately 0.42 Of An Acre With "In and Out" Drive❖
❖Inspection Essential To Fully Appreciate This Superbly Appointed Family Residence❖

PRICE £950,000 FREEHOLD

14 BRINDLEY BANK ROAD, RUGELEY

INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW
Located in Popular Cul-De-Sac

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room
- Bathroom
- Gardens and off road parking
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating B (81)

£215,000 FREEHOLD

77 NEW STREET, CHASE TERRACE.

SEMI DETACHED HOUSE OF CHARACTER OCCUPYING CORNER PLOT GARDENS With Potential for Extensions, Improvements and For Providing Extensive Off Road Parking/Garaging

- Lounge/dining area
- Breakfast kitchen
- Bathroom
- Landing
- Two double bedrooms
- Ornamental corner plot gardens
- Extensive off road parking
- Gas fired central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating E (50)

£169,950 FREEHOLD

7 POPLAR LANE, CANNOCK

INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE
Located In Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town Convenient For local Facilities and Easy Access For Commuting

- Impessive central reception hall
- Two reception rooms
- Refitted breakfast kitchen
- Four double bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Well stocked gardens
- Garage and carport
- All windows double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating D (67)

£350,000 FREEHOLD

9 STATION ROAD, PELSALL

A PRESTIGIOUS DEVELOPMENT OF AN INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED FOUR BEDROOMED HOUSE
Conveniently Located For Facilities at Pelsall Village Centre

- Two reception rooms
- Luxury fitted kitchen
- Cloakroom and first floor study
- Four bedrooms
- Family bathroom and 2 ensuites
- Garage and landscaped gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- Intruder alarm
- EPC rating tbc

£310,000

FLAT 23 ROWAN CLOSE, HUNTINGTON

EXTREMELY WELL APPOINTED TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Allocated parking space
- Inspection highly recommended
- EPC rating B (81)

£104,950

11 WALHOUSE STREET, CANNOCK

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED DETACHED DORMER HOUSE INCORPORATING FLEXIBLE 3/4 BEDROOMED ACCOMMODATION
Located In Popular Residential Area
Convenient For Facilities at the Town Centre

- Reception hall
- Two reception rooms
- Kitchen
- Four bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom and ensuite shower room
- Detached double width garage
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating E (42)

£220,000 FREEHOLD

23 WHITBY WAY, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area Convenient For Facilities Locally

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Refitted kitchen
- Landing
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom and separate toilet
- Gardens and off road parking
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (67)

£143,000 FREEHOLD

GANLLWYD COTTAGE, PARKSIDE LANE, HATHERTON

IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED DETACHED COTTAGE REPUTESDLY DATING FROM THE LATE 18TH CENTURY AND CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED IN THE 1970'S
Occupying Well Stocked Grounds Extending to Approx 0.2 Of An Acre Located In Much Sought After Rural Greenbelt Position Close to Cannock Chase

- Lounge and dining room
- Fitted dining kitchen
- Utility Room & cloakroom with WC
- Three double bedrooms
- Family bathroom and ensuite shower room
- Detached double width garage
- Extensive off rooad parking & well stocked gardens
- Oil fired central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating F (37)

£399,950 FREEHOLD

2 LOVE LANE PARK HOMES, LOVE LANE, RUGELEY

ATTRACTIVE WELL EQUIPPED PARK HOME ON ESTABLISHED PARK HOME SITE ADJACENT TO CANAL TWO PATH WITHIN A SHORT WALK OF TOWN CENTRE AND WIDE RANGE OF FACILITIES

- Canopy porch
- Lounge/dining area
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Shower room
- Utility
- Gas fired central heating (LPG)
- Fully double glazed
- Allocated parking
- For persons agred 50 and over

£80,000 LEASEHOLD

FLAT 5, TEDDESLEY HOUSE, CLAY STREET, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT
Conveniently Located For Facilities Of The Centre Of The Popular Market Village Of Penkridge

- Communal hall, stairs and landing
- Reception hall
- Fitted kitchen
- Bathroom and en-suite shower room
- Two bedrooms
- Allocated parking space
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Lounge
- EPC rating C (80)

£149,950

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56 DARTMOUTH ROAD, CANNOCK

UNDER APPLICATION

TWO BEDROOMED END MEWS HOUSE
Conveniently Located For Facilities at the Town Centre

- Entrance hall
- Sitting room and living room
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating & all windows are double glazed
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating D (61)

£525 pcm

8 HATHERTON STREET, CHESLYN HAY

A SUPERB THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE HAVING UNDERGONE COMPLETE REFURBISHMENT
Located In Popular Residential Area With Easy Access to Cheslyn Hay High School

- Two reception rooms
- Refitted kitchen
- Refitted shower room
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Gardens
- Completely redecorated and new flooring throughout
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating E (49)

£675pcm

LEDBURY HOUSE, 4 HEATHFIELD CROFT, CANNOCK

ARCHITECT DESIGNED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE OFFERING FLEXIBLE 4/5 BEDROOMED ACCOMMODATION
Built In 2013 and Eqipped To An Excellent Contemporary Design

- Canopy porch, reception hall & cloakroom with WC
- Lounge/family room
- Luxury fitted breakfast kitchen
- Snug, orangery/ dining room & study/ bedroom five
- Utility room
- Four double bedrooms
- Three ensuite shower rooms & luxury family bathroom
- Fully double glazed & Gas fired central heating
- Solar heating for domestic hot water
- Sorry No pets, smokers DSS or sharers
- EPC rating C (78)

£1750pcm

2 MILL PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION
Situated On The Picturesque Rural Estate of Teddesley Park

- Lounge
- Fitted dining kitchen
- Inner hall
- Two double bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Oil fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Communal grounds and parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS allowed
- EPC rating C (77)

£685pcm

282 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL MAINTAINED THREE/FOUR BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Enclosed porch & reception hall
- Lounge
- Dining room/bedroom 4
- Refitted kitchen
- Inner lobby & guest cloakroom with WC
- Three bedrooms & refitted bathroom
- Fully double glazed & gas central heating
- Garden & off road parking
- Sorry No DSS, smokers or pets allowed
- EPC rating D (65)

£650pcm

3 PARK STREET, CHESLYN HAY

UNDER APPLICATION

WELL PRESENTED MID TERRACED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Cellar
- Bathroom
- Three bedrooms
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: D (61)

£625pcm

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8 THE CROSSINGS, MILL STREET, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED MID MEWS HOUSE
Built To A High Specification Conveniently Located For Facilities At The Town Centre And Cannock Train Station

- Cloakroom with WC
- Lounge/dining area
- Fitted kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Off road parking
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: B (84)

£600pcm

33 POPLAR LANE, CANNOCK

THREE BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW
Located In Sought After Residential Area

- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Three bedrooms
- Fully tiled shower room
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- Sorry no smokers or DSS allowed
- Pets considered
- EPC rating: C (69)

£700 pcm

34 CHESTNUT DRIVE, GREAT WYRLEY

EXTENSIVELY REFURBISHED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Cloaksroom with wc
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: E (46)

£695 pcm

45 LONG LANE, NEWTOWN

REFURBISHED SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOWLocated In Sought After Area With Farmland To Rear

- Lounge
- Refitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Separate WC
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Large gardens
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (66)

£800 pcm

FLAT 3 HATHERTON HOUSE, CROWNBRIDGE, PENKRIDGE

TWO BEDROOMED GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT
Located Conveniently For Penkridge Village

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Intruder alarm
- Allocated parking
- EPC rating: B (81)

£525 pcm

6 BADGERS WAY, HEATH HAYES

THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Shower room
- Built-on garage
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
- EPC rating: D (60)

£600pcm

8 WATERSMEAD CLOSE, WIMBLEBURY

WELL MAINTAINED TWO BEDROOMED MID MEWS HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Newly installed kitched
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Gardens
- Parking space
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating C (75)

£600 pcm

5 BEECH TREE COURT, BEECH TREE LANE, CANNOCK

UNDER APPLICATION

TWO BEDROOM SECOND FLOOR APARTMENT LOCATED IN POPULAR DEVELOPMENT
Convenient For Facilities at the Town Centre

- Communal hall, stairs and landing
- Entrance hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating & fully double glazed
- Security phone intercom & allocated parking
- No DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating C (79)

£495pcm

44 ROWLEY CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Adjoining Cannock Chase To The Rear

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Separate WC
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- DSS considered
- Sorry no pets or smokers
- EPC rating: G (15)

£120pw

17 PILLATON DRIVE, HUNTINGTON

DETACHED THREE BEDROOM HOUSE
Located In Popular Cul-de-sac

- Lounge/dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: D (64)

£675 pcm

15 PARTRIDGE CLOSE, HEATH HAYES

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED END MEWS HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Entrance hall
- Lounge/dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- Guest cloaksroom with WC
- Landing
- Two double bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room & ensuite bathroom
- Garden & gardens
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- **£600.00pcm**

44 BROOK LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

SPACIOUS THREE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance hall
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathrooom
- Separate WC
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry n pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating C (71)

£525pcm

1 FOUNTAIN COURT, TEDDESLEY PARK, PENKRIDGE

UNDER APPLICATION

SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION
Situated on the Picturesque Rural Estate of Teddesley Park

- Fitted dining kitchen
- Lounge
- Inner Hall
- Two double bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Communal landscaped gardens
- Oil fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry No pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating C (69)

£615pcm

6 LOVE LANE PARK HOMES, LOVE LANE, RUGELEY

NEWLY REFURBISHED ONE BEDROOM PARK HOME
SITUATED IN WELL MAINTAINED PARK HOME DEVELOPMENT
Convenient For Facilities Locally

- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Shower room
- Bedroom
- Off road parking
- Gardens & decked terrace
- LPG central heating
- Fully double glazed
- For persons aged 50 and over
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers

£435.00 pcm

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Great car for running around town

By Anthony Martyn

PEUGEOT 108 ALLURE, £12,760

Introduced back in 2014, the 108 is Peugeot's attempt at cashing in on the lucrative city car market, and the 108 Top! is the convertible iteration of this car.

Created off the back of a joint-venture between PSA (Peugeot and Citroen's parent company) and Toyota, the 108 shares pretty much everything with the Citroen C1 and Toyota Aygo. This includes the platform, engines, running gear, as well as their electrical system.

Because of this, they are all practically identical. You'd be forgiven for stepping out of the C1 into the 108 and thinking you were still in the same car. However, while these cars are all relatively similar both mechanically and in the cabin, the sharing of parts means that production costs are kept down.

Ultimately this means that you save money when the time to buy comes around.

You'd be hard-pressed to label the little 108 an unattractive car. Next to the C1 and the Aygo, the 108 certainly looks the most grown-up – although you shouldn't let that trick you into thinking it comes across as boring.

Our test car came in a bright French Blue colour, which certainly made it one of the more eye-catching cars on the road. Couple that with the contrasting black paint on the boot, and the 108 really looks the part.

The fact that the canvas roof car be mechanically retracted to open up an unlimited amount of headroom only serves to add to this city runabout's desirability.

As a means for pottering around town, the 108 makes a fairly good case for itself. It's comfortable, easy to see out of and thanks to its pint-sized proportions, a breeze to manoeuvre through tight spaces.

A neat and attractive rear end

You get a fair amount of kit as standard

You'd be hard-pressed to label the little 108 an unattractive car

In its natural urban environment, the only things that took a bit of getting used to were the incredibly short clutch, and rather noisy three-cylinder engine. If you choose to open up the canvas roof, you'll also be treated to a fair deal of wind noise – but this is part in parcel of owning a convertible.

Head out on the motorway, and you immediately get a sense the car is no longer in its comfort zone. Engine, wind and road noise are all far more noticeable, and the car's small size becomes much more obvious. That said though, it never felt too nervous or skittish at cruising speeds, although you may find you're fairly worn out by the time you reach your destination.

Buy a 108 Top! in the same specification as our test car – that's the Allure 1.2 – and you'll set yourself back £12,760. For this, you get a fair amount of kit as standard, including a reversing camera, DAB radio, Bluetooth connectivity and a seven-inch touchscreen infotainment system. All up, this isn't all that bad a deal, the only thing that would make it more appealing is sat-nav – although Peugeot can fit this as a £400 option.

In terms of fuel economy, Peugeot claims the 108 can achieve a combined fuel consumption figure of 65.7mpg, meaning you shouldn't find you spend too much time (or money) at the pump. Thanks to CO2 emissions of 99g/km, the 108 is also exempt from tax under current legislation, although this is changing from April 2017.

The 108 Top! will likely appeal most to either first time buyers, or family buyers looking to add a second, smaller car to their fleet for running around town.

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Representative APR	10.9% APR

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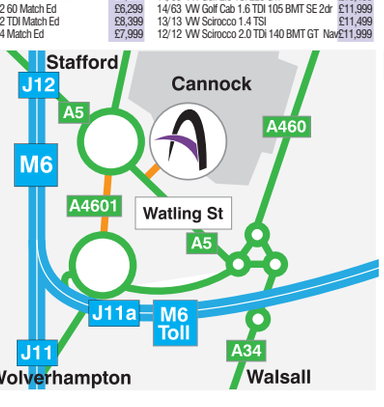

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The driver and passenger seats sit under a closed roof, while the two rear seats lie beneath the electric folding fabric roof. The "first-class" back seats can be fully reclined and feature a massage function as well as a calf rest. Rear passengers also have access to two 10-inch, high-resolution media displays.

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Mercedes-Maybach says the G 650 will provide an "unforgettable off-road experience", thanks to its portal axles that provide 450mm of ground clearance.

It also gains 100 per cent differential locks, as well as a low-range gearbox.

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The Edge moves upmarket into Vignale territory

Luxury makeover to push the Edge in higher strata

By Simon Davis

The Edge is the first large SUV in the Ford line-up to be adorned with the American manufacturer's premium Vignale badge, joining the Mondeo Vignale, S-Max Vignale, and recently released Kuga Vignale.

This luxury makeover of sorts sees the Edge bestowed with many new features in an attempt to turn the car into a more upmarket proposition. This means features such as quilted leather seats, the latest Sync 3 infotainment system, and massive 19-inch polished aluminum alloys have all been thrown at the rather handsome SUV.

Customers will be able to specify their Edge Vignale with a choice of two diesel engines. These come in the form of a 2.0-litre, 207bhp bi-turbo unit paired to a six-speed automatic, and a slightly less powerful 178bhp 2.0-litre diesel paired with a six-speed manual 'box.

The Edge was already attractive, and the Vignale treatment only adds to this. The signature hexagonal grille that features on all Vignale models dominates the front of the Edge, while chrome brightwork around the front foglamps and lower front bumper lend the Edge Vignale a more sophisticated appearance.

It's an incredibly comfortable car to sit in. The seats are plush and supportive, and are also highly adjustable

The signature grille dominates the front

– meaning finding the optimum driving position is never too difficult.

As you would expect from a rather massive SUV, the Edge Vignale serves up plenty of space in the cabin. Headroom is abundant both front and back, while rear passengers won't have to worry about their knees being crushed by the front seats on long drives, even when taller passengers are riding up front.

The boot offers a generous 602 litres of storage space, which should be more than enough for any family-associated clobber. Fold the rear seats down, and this area can be increased to a substantial 1,847 litres. As part of the Vignale makeover, Ford has included a hands-free tailgate on the Edge. With the key in your pocket, you simply need to wave your foot under the rear tailgate, and the boot will pop open. While most people will likely open the boot in the traditional manner for the majority of the time, on those occasions when your hands are full, this is a feature that will undoubtedly come in handy.

The moment you get behind the wheel of the Edge Vignale, you become aware of its rather large proportions. Aside from a Range Rover or a Toyota Land Cruiser, the Ford will likely be one of the largest cars on the road. While this won't be too much of a problem when you're careering down the motorway, it might make navigating tight urban streets a bit of a hair-raising experience – remember, you certainly don't want to kerb those massive, bling alloy wheels.

To be fair though, while the Edge is a big car, it manages to compose itself well through bends. Sure, you are aware of its size, and you can hear the tyres straining under their load, but throwing it into a sharp bend feels safe, and you certainly won't be in for any surprises. The steering is well-weighted and fairly direct, and provides a pleasing amount of feedback.

While the Edge Vignale handles itself in a respectful manner when you throw it into a couple of twisties, it's far more at home chewing up miles on the motorway.

The 2.0-litre, 207bhp bi-turbo engine we had fitted to our test car was smooth under acceleration, and provided plenty of punch when you put your foot down.

Thanks to the addition of Ford's Active Noise Control system, engine noise is kept to a minimum in the cabin.

Prices for the Edge Vignale start from £38,000 – which is edging into Jaguar F-Pace territory. That said though, that money will get you a properly kitted out car. Standard features include the new Sync 3 infotainment system, which incorporates satellite navigation, front and rear parking sensors, Apple Car Play and Android Auto for seamless smartphone connectivity, and many more features besides. All of these functions are now controlled through a clever new eight-inch touchscreen display, which now includes pinch and swipe gestures for easier navigation – just like a smartphone.

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The new Rio is a bit longer and wider than the outgoing Rio and roomier in the back

By Ian Donaldson

Humming along a country lane lined with some of the most expensive houses outside the billionaires' belt of central London there was time to reflect on what you really need from a car.

The driveways to left and right often answered that question with two words – Range and Rover, with possibly Porsche as a backup if Sir was already on his way to the City.

Neither of those badges provided cars that their owners actually needed, but they sure as heck wanted them. Enough to pay a king's ransom for the privilege.

Back down in the real world, we were driving the latest examples of a car that would answer most of a rich man's needs. A rich woman's too, come to that. Either gender would quickly see the advantages of a car that did what was asked of it without pretentions, didn't break the bank and was actually pretty decent to drive into the bargain.

A bit longer and wider than the just succeeded third generation with the same name, this latest one is a bit lower but roomier in the back and comes with a usefully enlarged boot.

More doors as well, with the three-door option of the old model ditched for five-doors only as hardly anyone ever asked for one of the lesser portalled ones anyway.

Prices start at £11,995, which represents a £1,050 hike over the equivalent old car but Kia insists, with the stats to prove it, that you get more for your money now.

There is a usefully enlarged boot

The Rio is an important player for the Korean car maker, its best seller in fact with almost 475,000 sold globally each year, although we well off Brits buy more of Kia's dearer machines (Sportage SUV and c'eed hatches) to make it our local favourite. We still bought 12,000 of them in 2015, Rio's best year here.

This rival to the likes of Ford Fiesta and Vauxhall Corsa comes in ten versions with a choice of four engines, three gearboxes and four trim levels, including a highly specified First Edition.

The engines include a new-to-Rio three-cylinder 1.0 litre petrol unit in two power outputs (99 or 118bhp and up to 62.8mpg and 102g/km officially), and a 1.25 and 1.4 litre petrol and a couple of 1.4,litre diesels, not unexpectedly boasting the best economy in the range, with up to 80.7mpg and 92g/km.

The days when a car manufacturer could get away with a stripped out starter model are long past and Kia's entry level grade 1 cars come with goodies like air con, front electric windows, electrically adjusted and heated door mirrors, cornering lights and steering wheel mounted audio controls.

Next up in the pecking order are grade 2 cars. Kia expects them to be the most popular price point (£13,745 for the likely biggest selling 1.25 litre version) and no wonder. Standard kit expands to include 15-inch alloy wheels, electric windows all round, DAB radio and six-speaker sound system, reversing camera and rear parking sensors, cruise control and automatic emergency braking.

Move up to a grade 3 car (from £16,295 for a lower powered 1.0 litre model) and you'll add niceties like sat nav, 16-inch alloy wheels, auto air conditioning, heated front seats and steering wheel and Android Auto and Apple CarPlay and Bluetooth with voice recognition.

At the top of the Rio mountain sits the £17,445 First Edition that really layers on the luxury. Alongside 17-inch alloys are smart key entry, LED rear lights, convincingly leather-like trim and stainless steel pedals. Out on the roads the version that impressed the most was a 1.0 litre petrol in lesser powered (£14,545) guise.

It rode notably better on its smaller wheels than a dearer, larger wheeled model and felt sprightly and full of beans while showing 45mpg after a modes spin.

A higher powered 1.4 diesel (£17,245 in grade 3 trim) was quiet, rode well but showed a mildly disappointing 50 mpg over the same route. Most Rio buyers will stick with petrol and it's easy to see why. If they can stretch to the new 1.0 litre version they will surely still be smiling as their seven year or 100,000 mile warranty nears its end.

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F-Pace, XE and XF update

Jaguar has revealed a range of improvements to its F-Pace SUV, as well as its XF and XE saloon cars.

These 2018 model year updates include the introduction of Jaguar Land Rover's latest Ingenium engines, as well as a host of safety features designed to make the vehicles more efficient, more powerful and safer, too.

Two all-new four-cylinder petrol engines sit at the centre of the updates, as well as a high-output diesel unit.

The new four-cylinder engine is available with either 197bhp or 246bhp. They use Jaguar Land Rover's latest low-friction all-aluminium building techniques, designed to lower the engine's overall weight, as well as improving its efficiency.

The pair are accompanied by a new diesel unit. This is the first four-cylinder Jaguar engine to utilise two turbochargers, which contribute to its impressive torque figure of 500Nm. This powerplant will feature in the F-Pace, XF and XE models – wearing the 25d badge.

Nick Rogers, executive director for product engineering, said: "We are committed to expanding the Ingenium powertrain family produced at our award-winning £1billion Engine Manufacturing Centre in Wolverhampton as we meet current and future consumer needs."

Dual View has also been introduced across all three models. This technology allows

Jaguar XE now gets Jaguar's Configurable Dynamics

the driver and front passenger to see different infotainment displays on the car's central 10-inch touchscreen display. Forward traffic detection is also included to help assist the driver when their forward visibility is impaired. Utilising a camera in the front grille, the system can detect anything crossing the path of the car and alert the driver.

The 2018 model year XE, XF and F-Pace are all available to order now.

Highlights:

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- Efficient new 163PS E-Performance diesel for F-PACE delivers CO2 emissions as low as 126g/km
- Sporty XE S gets 40PS power hike with the 380PS V6 petrol engine
- Jaguar's Configurable Dynamics technology now available as standalone feature on XE and XF, allows drivers to personalise the gear shift, throttle and steering settings
- Intelligent safety features including Forward Traffic Detection and Forward Vehicle Guidance join extensive Advanced Driver Assistance Systems
- Added convenience: XF and XE saloons fitted with Gesture Boot Lid for the first time
- Virtual 12.3-inch TFT instrument cluster with full-screen 3D navigation new for XE
- Dual View screen InControl technology introduced across all three vehicles.
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His Funeral Service will take place on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at Stafford Crematorium, at 2pm.

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(Bill)

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Dad

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Dad

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Sue and Nick.

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in memoriam

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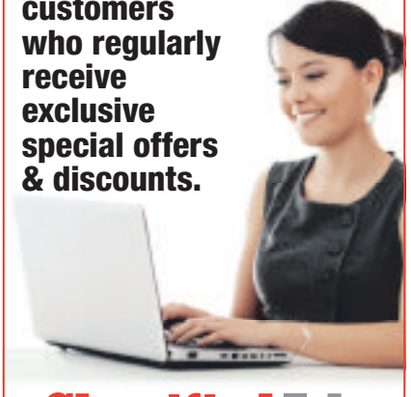

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In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation
(Company Number 05733615)
Registered office: Two Snowhill, Birmingham B4 6GA
Principal trading address: Unit 12 Brookfield Drive, Bridgtown, Cannock, Staffordshire WS11 0JN
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Dated 6 February 2017
Ian James Gould, Joint Liquidator

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WITH testing in full swing and motorbikes being fine tuned before the season opener, it's time to have a look at our region's top club racers.

From the ultra-competitive Thundersport GB, to endurance racing, Darley Moor championships and the road racing scene, there's plenty to keep fans occupied over the spring and summer months, right into autumn.

Pete Wright, aged 51, from Tividale, and team-mate Martyn Silviter, 42, from Blackheath, have just returned from testing in Spain.

The Black Country pair, who compete under the double22-two racing banner, will be back in the No Limit Racing Endurance Cup this year, but will move up to 600cc after dominating the clubman class during their debut season in 2016.

Lloyd Shelley, 33, from Burntwood, will be returning to the Darley Moor this year – but his focus will be a first stint in the Thundersport GB Elite Class series on his Triumph 675.

Neil Lloyd, 46, from Wednesbury, will be back on board his Honda RVF400 this year. After finishing runner-up in two classes at the Darley Moor Club Championships in 2016 he will return to the series – but his main focus will be his first shot at road racing.

Goal-line technology 'would be welcome'

STAFFORDSHIRE'S former Premier League referee Alan Wiley has welcomed the news that goal-line technology may be introduced in the Championship from next season.

The 56-year-old, from Burntwood, refereed in England's top flight from 1999-2010 and is pleased that EFL bosses have agreed – in principle – that the second tier shall follow the lead set by the Premier League.

"It's excellent news," said Wiley about the possibility of the Hawk-eye system being introduced in the Championship. Anything that helps make the right decision. It's been very positive in the top division and it'll work in the Championship.

"It's a proven system. Once a decision is made – it's goal or no goal – there's no questioning.Teams work all week to score goals and stop conceding goals so we need something proving it one way or the other."

As to whether the law could be spread to Leagues One and Two, he added: "It would be good if we could but I think it's ultimately down to costs."

Video assistance for officials has also been muted, and while Wiley believes help would be beneficial – he doesn't want the game to lose the human element.

Rutter set to power back on electric bike

MICHAEL RUTTER could be back competing in all seven Isle of Man TT races after revealing plans to test out a new electric bike in America.

The Bridgnorth star has also joined former team-mate Stephen Thompson, who is now running his own Thompson Plastering outfit after recovering from an horrific injury, to race on the island.

Thompson was rushed to hospital after a three-bike smash at the North West 200, in Northern Ireland, in 2015 while racing for the Bathams team.

He eventually lost part of his arm the following year but having felt the pull of the racing scene return, he is now ready to get back in the business of motorbikes – something Rutter was more than happy to help out with.

"Steve had a bad crash and lost his arm. He had a few problems after the crash but he really missed being involved with racing," he said. "He wanted to set up his own team and ours will be helping out.

"He'll be working with us but will have his own awning and his own team. "I'll be riding a Yamaha R6 600cc under his banner for the two supersport races."

Rutter will also be back competing in the Lightweight TT on a bike that has already brought him success.

Ron Flowers – one of the greatest

Ron's at the head of the Flowers dynasty

HE'S one of the greatest players in the history of Wolverhampton Wanderers. And now Ron Flowers is hoping to watch his grandson follow in his illustrious footsteps after the 20-year-old signed a professional contract with Burnley.

A commanding centre-half, Harry Flowers had been turning out for Staffordshire side Brocton earlier this season. But after being spotted by a Clarets scout, he was offered, and accepted, a pro deal at the Lancashire club.

And the youngster knows his grandfather is the perfect role model if he ever needs advice. Born in Edlington, a mining village in South Yorkshire, Ron also had to move away to achieve his footballing ambitions.

He was initially spotted as a teenager by Doncaster Rovers before coming to the attention of Wolves scouts.

But his move to the West Midlands had to wait, with his father Jack insisting he had to finish an apprenticeship with train firm LNER Locomotive before he left Yorkshire.

Rescue

Fortunately, Wolves manager Stan Cullis came to the rescue. He spoke to Jack and offered his son maximum wages for a 17-year-old, meaning that Ron would be earning more a week than his dad did. And reluctantly Jack gave in.

But more disruption was just around the corner. The following year, Ron was called up for National Service.

Applying to the RAF, he completed his initial training at Hednesford followed by a posting to Cosford.

It was during the six weeks of training that Ron made his first-team debut for Wolves against Blackpool.

And while the Molineux men lost, Ron marked the occasion with a goal.

A terrific athlete and fine passer of the ball, Flowers went on to establish himself in the Wolves side for the next 15 years, playing at either wing-half or centre-half.

And it was his partnership with Peter Broadbent that formed the bedrock of the Wolves teams that won the League Championship in 1954, 1958 and 1959, as well as the FA Cup in 1960.

In total, Flowers made 512 appearances for the club between 1952 and 1967, scoring 37 goals – putting him sixth in the club's all-time list of appearance makers.

His form in gold and black also allowed him to shine on the international stage.

In 49 appearances for England, Flowers scored 10 goals and played in the 1962 World Cup. He was also part of Sir Alf Ramsey's squad that famously won the competition in 1966.

Flowers didn't kick a ball in anger during that tournament. But there is no doubt he still played his part.

Flowers suspected then, as he still does now, that he was included in Alf Ramsey's 22-man squad for the finals for a specific reason.

The oldest member of the group, he was there to set an example.

Standby

"I was there to do a job," he said in an exclusive interview with our sister daily the Express & Star.

"As far as I had been concerned, my England career was finished.

"I hadn't been expecting the call."

Flowers also came a whisker away from playing in the biggest game in English football. Before the final in 1966, Jack Charlton had told Ramsey he was struggling with a cold. And that prompted the boss to put Flowers on stand-by.

"The message was, be ready," explains Flowers.

"It was not, as you might expect however, the cause of any nerves, or indeed a restless night. It didn't make any difference to my thinking.

"I knew whatever he might have come down with, he would play.

"Do you really think Jack Charlton was going to miss out on the World Cup final because of a cold? It would have needed to have been one heck of a cold."

After retiring from professional football Ron opened his shop Ron Flowers Sports in Queen Street, Wolverhampton.

Today it is run by his son, and Harry's dad, Glenn.

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His form in gold and black also allowed him to shine on the international stage

Ron Flowers playing for England in 1959. He made 49 appearances for England

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Sport

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Kyle's first goal for club earns a draw

CANNOCK Hockey Club drew 1-1 with Sheffield Hallam University in a free-flowing game at Chase Park.

Sheffield took the lead when a flighted ball over the top was played back to the centre forward to slot past the Cannock goalkeeper.

In the second half Kyle Gladwin popped up in the Sheffield D to score a deflection past an outstretched goalkeeper and his first goal for Cannock.

The visitors went down to nine players after a couple of rash challenges.

Cannock 2nds beat lowly Khalsa 9-1, Lewis Round grabbing a hat-trick and Conrad Willars and Callum Swinnerton-Ions each scoring two, with Hibbert and Greenwood also adding to the score.

Ollie Southall earned Cannock Men's 3rds a dramatic 4-3 victory at Leek with 90 seconds left.

Cannock 4ths welcomed West Bridgford to Chase Park who were just above them in the table. The home side chalked up a 4-1 win, in which Chris Mayer scored a hat-trick.

A rearranged league game from early January saw Cannock Men's 4th team travel to Nottingham University on Sunday.

Despite another great show from keeper Tony Blower, the goals kept coming, and the final score was 5-1 to the students. Cannock still remain in a relegation position with five games to play.

Cannock 5ths beat Telford 4ths 3-1 while Cannock's Mixed side moved into Round 3 of the EH Mixed Trophy with a 5-1 win over Deeside Ramblers.

Cannock 6ths lost 4-0 at Bloxwich.

In the U18s EH Plate Competition, Cannock U18s won 3-0 against Telford to move into the semi-finals.

Cannock will now face either Bowdon U18 or Norwich City HC U18s in the semi-final. The fixture will be away.

Relegation worries return as Hayes in need of firepower

Heath Hayes 0 Pershore Town 0

AFTER a good performance in midweek at Hinkley, Hayes let themselves down badly with a dire performance against second bottom Pershore.

The result means that Hayes have been dragged back to the edge of the relegation places.

In an attempt to bolster up the defence, which has been leaking far to many goals of late, manager Jamie Hawkins gave debuts to Dale Faultless and Jordan Garner at the expense of Mark Wiggin and Alex Scott.

But it was at the other end where the problems lay, with barely any efforts on goal in a drab first half.

Things did improve after the break, with Brad Rolston a constant threat on the right, but the end product was lacking.

It appeared that Kyle Minto had broken the deadlock on 85 minutes, but after a long delay, the goal was disallowed.

Hayes will need to show a huge improvement on Saturday when they travel to league leaders Bromsgrove Sporting.

Brad a winner in less than three minutes

Boxing

FORMER kickboxing World Champion Brad Foster, from Lichfield, needed just two and a half minutes of the first round to record his sixth professional boxing win.

He earned the only stoppage of the night at the Banks's Stadium, finishing off Leonard Rafael.

The main event last weekend saw Lennox Clarke make it 15 professional victories as he defeated the resilient Bartlomiej Grafka in his toughest test to date at the Banks's.

The unbeaten Halesowen prospect did enough to take all eight rounds receiving an 80-72 score from the judges. The 25-year-old was sharp throughout but his Polish opponent gave a warning he would be no pushover in the first as he caught Clarke with a heavy combination.

The super middleweight was battling for the centre of the ring and trying to tie Grafka up on the ropes but the 28-year-old powered his way out of trouble and kept recapturing the centre spot.

As the fight reached the halfway stage Grafka appeared to be growing into the contest but it was Clarke who was still doing the most work without hurting his opponent. The sixth and seventh round reduced Grafka's face to a bloody mess. Despite the damage the only time the travelling fighter was on the canvas was when he slipped in the seventh. It was another close round in the eighth but Clarke did enough to earn a clean sweep and move a step closer to the title shot he is searching for.

West Bromwich's Joshua Stokes put on a masterclass in body punching as he got off to the perfect start in his professional career. The debutant looked powerful as he punished Mitch Mitchell with crunching hooks, taking a 40-36 victory.

In the opening fight of the night Connor Parker of Swadlincote defeated Liam Richards in a one-sided contest to earn his second professional win.

PITMEN DISPLAY FIVE-STAR CLASS

Hednesford Town 5 Skelmersdale 0

IT was a five-star performance from Hednesford Town as they overcame a hapless Skelmersdale United to record a comfortable victory at Keys Park.

Any potential nerves about bottom of the table Skelmersdale recording their first away league victory of the season were eased in the sixth minute as the Pitmen took the lead.

After striker Tony Clarke challenged for the ball inside the penalty area it fell kindly to George Washbourne who took it past one defender before firing home.

Hednesford added a second goal in the 17th minute when Danny Glover got down the right-hand side and his ball in went all the way to Stuart McNaught whose low shot found the bottom corner. The Pitmen almost added a third in unusual circumstances in the 33rd minute as an attempted cross by Campion seemed to be drifting out, only to land firmly on the woodwork before bouncing behind.

Forced

Washbourne continued to be a constant menace for the visiting defence and his whipped ball in after 39 minutes was narrowly missed by David McDermott.

A third goal finally arrived in the 43rd minute when Glover fired in a free kick that was spilled and Dan Brenan forced the ball home.

Although Skelmersdale forced a couple of corners early on in the second period and Watts saw another effort go wide, they offered little in clear-cut chances on Dan Crane's goal. Instead it would be the Pitmen who would increase their lead in the 58th minute.

The hard-working Clarke closed down United keeper Chris Cheetham and his attempted clearance fell to Danny Glover who placed his shot into the top corner. Things went got worse for Skelmersdale in the 70th minute when they were reduced to 10 men, Michael Vaughan-Muscat seeing red for a stamp on McDermott.

Four minutes later the industrious Clarke won the ball off a defender and squared it to McDermott, wh fired home from 10 yards.

The Pitmen were travelling to Ilkeston on Tuesday and entertain Nantwich on Saturday.

Danny Glover gets high fives from Dan Brenan after scoring the fourth goal

Ten-man Scholars pay the penalty

Chasetown 1 Newcastle T 2

TEN-MAN Chasetown were rocked by a last-minute penalty after almost battling to a point against promotion-chasing Newcastle Town in Evo-Stik One South.

Chris Baker fired Newcastle ahead early before the interval, and they almost doubled their lead in the 36th minute as Daniel Cocks's free-kick struck the Chasetown post.

Likely

The home side were reduced to 10 men early in the second half when Chris Slater received a second yellow card.

Chasetown levelled on the hour mark when Joe Thomas chased down what seemed like a lost cause and poked the ball past Dave Parton. Chasetown looked the most likely to get the win until a final-minute penalty was awarded to Newcastle and Jordan Cole despatched the winner.

After travelling to Bedworth on Tuesday night, the Scholars entertain Stamford on Saturday.

Six-try win completes the double

Burntwood 39 Edwardians 18

BURNTWOOD remain in touch with the Midlands 3 West North league leaders following a six-try win which completed the double over Edwardians.

Luke Rookyard seemed to have scored the first try but was deemed to have knocked the ball on. However, his side was playing a penalty advantage and so the ball was brought back for the kick at goal which Aza Dunet converted for 3-0.

Scrum half Brett Taylor then raced clean away for an unconverted try.

On 22 minutes, Owen Rookyard touched down near the corner flag.

Edwardians reduced the arrears with a penalty but the hosts went in for their third try on the half-hour mark. Aza Dunet converted for 20-3. Edwardians hit back with a successful penalty attempt to make the half-time score 20-6.

Burntwood scored the best try of the afternoon on 53 minutes, having won a scrum turnover; winger Neil Holden ran round by the posts for the try converted by Dunet. A series of penalties against them cost the hosts the services of Adam Black for 10 minutes from the 63rd minute, and an Edwardians penalty try was converted for 27-13.

A tried and trusted line-out move saw Rookyard add to his impressive tally of tries for the season. Edwardians were then presented with a scrum five metres out and finally squeezed over. The hosts still had the final say. A penalty award was kicked to the left corner to set up a catch and drive which Black finished off with a try converted by Dunet.

The 2nd XV enjoyed a home win against Stafford 3rds.

The 1st XV have a week off league rugby now before a tough run of three away games starting at Handsworth on March 4. This Saturday, the 2nds are at St Leonards, the 3rds at Barton 2nds.

Game is abandoned after serious injury

Red Star Alma 1 Cannock United 2

(Abandoned after 71 minutes)

CANNOCK dominated early on, and on 13 minutes Red Star gave away a penalty through a clumsy challenge which Alex Scott dispatched.

Red Star forced an equaliser on 51 minutes before Cannock earned a second penalty, which Scott easily converted.

Frustration started to show as tackles got more aggressive and after 71 minutes Jack Hames was seriously injured; referee Terry Holdbrook abandoned the game while emergency aid was on its way. The match will go to the league committee to be decided upon.

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